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## Storm kills 91 Britain, North Europe devastated

LONDON, Jan 26, (Agencies): Residents of Britain and Northern Europe recovered today from a devastating storm which hammered the region with hurricane-force winds, killing at least 91 people and inflicting hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage.

The Thursday tempest wreaked most destruction in Britain, where gusts exceeding 100 mph (160 km) blasted down rows of trees, ripped roofs off buildings and swept vehicles from roads.

Metrologists reported the deep depression was grinding eastward toward the Baltic states and would probably dissipate into inclement weather when it entered the Soviet Union later today.

Police and news reports in Britain said at least 44 people had been killed, most by falling trees and in motor accidents along slippery roads.

The storm rolled across the English Channel and pounded the Netherlands, leaving 20 people dead. A Danish sailor was confirmed drowned when a trawler sank in the North Sea, and at least seven other seamen were reported missing and feared dead.

Weather-related accidents claimed 10 lives in Belgium, eight in France and eight in West Germany. The storm — the worst to hit Britain since an Oct 1987 hurricane — also left hundreds of people injured across Europe.

A police helicopter monitoring traffic in a snowstorm clipped the side of a five-storey apartment block and crashed on Wednesday, killing one officer and injuring three other people on board, police said.

Strathclyde police said the pilot of the Bell Jet Ranger helicopter and two police officers were injured in the crash, one seriously.

All but one British Rail station in the capital were closed yesterday afternoon and the city's subway system was severely disrupted by fallen tree limbs on the above-ground sections.

Clean-up crews swung into operation throughout the region, with the British military called out to assist civil authorities in clearing roads and railway lines blocked by toppled trees, downed utility poles and debris.

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported remote regions could be cut off for at least one month because local councils were so overstretched. Preliminary damage estimates had reached \$300 million (\$1.33 billion), and some three million people remained without electricity, it said.

Most of the deaths were caused by falling trees or collapsing roofs. A giant stone sphere fell through a roof at a school in western Bristol city, killing a 16-year-old schoolgirl, and two students died at other schools in the area.

"I think everything is being done that possibly could be done, and people are responding well," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told reporters. "Our deepest sorrows to those whose lives just suddenly changed because of this terrible tragedy."

Tens of thousands of office workers in London were forced to remain overnight in the capital because of cancelled trains, but authorities reported most transport services had been reinstated, many at reduced schedules.

Dutch meteorologists said the storm was the worst to hit the Netherlands in 10 years, and the lowlying region was hammered by winds that crushed cars, destroyed buildings and brought life to a standstill. A spokeswoman for the national insurance information office said the damage would take weeks to appraise, but would probably run into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The storm sparked a fire at a luxury hotel in the coastal town of Noordwijk.

Belgian and West German military helicopters worked through the night to pluck 36 sailors from a Soviet ship that sank in the North Sea. At least two other vessels were sunk in the turbulent seas, and East German officials reported they had dispatched rescue teams to assist foreign boats endangered in their national waters.

West German authorities evacuated one coastal village threatened by floods from a broken dyke, and thousands of police and fire fighters worked through the night fighting storm-related problems.

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Several Iran Air jets were hijacked to Iraq during the 1980-88 Gulf war.

Colombian plane may have run out of fuel

## 66 die in jet crash

COVE NECK, New York, Jan 26, (AP): A Colombian jetliner on a landing approach radioed that an engine had gone out before it crashed in heavy fog and rain, killing at least 66 of 158 people aboard, authorities said today.

A source close to the crash probe told the Associated Press investigators said preliminary indications suggested the plane ran out of fuel.

Police in Nassau county, site of the crash, said at least 66 people died. Officer Michael Palermo of the Port Authority, which operates Kennedy International Airport, said 67 had died. It was not clear if members of the crew were among the fatalities.

At least 80 people aboard the Boeing 707 were injured in the crash, said Chuck Degastano of the New York City emergency medical service.

Avianca flight 52 was carrying 149 passengers and nine crew members when it crashed last night on its second approach to the airport on Long Island, east of New York City, the airline said.

"There were bodies on top of bodies on top of bodies," said Jeff Race, 26, a New York City paramedic who lives near the crash scene. He said he was the first rescuer at the scene.

"Some were alive, some were dead. Limbs were bent every way you can imagine," Race said. "People were screaming... most of them were still strapped in their seats. It was just mangled, twisted metal."

The 23-year-old jetliner, more than 90 minutes late from Bogota after a stop in Medellin, Colombia, broke into at least three pieces. Rescuers arrived to find bloodied passengers scrambling out of windows.

Jorge Lozano, a 59-year-old businessman from Bogota, recalled from his hospital bed there was no warning from the crew. Suddenly, he said, "it was bumpy. The ladies and kids were screaming."

"I thought we were going to crash. I had time to say a prayer. The plane's flight and voice recorders were recovered, a county official said.

Authorities created a makeshift morgue on the front lawn of a mansion owned by the parents of tennis star John McEnroe, about a quarter-mile from the crash. Bodies were wrapped in white plastic and lined in rows.

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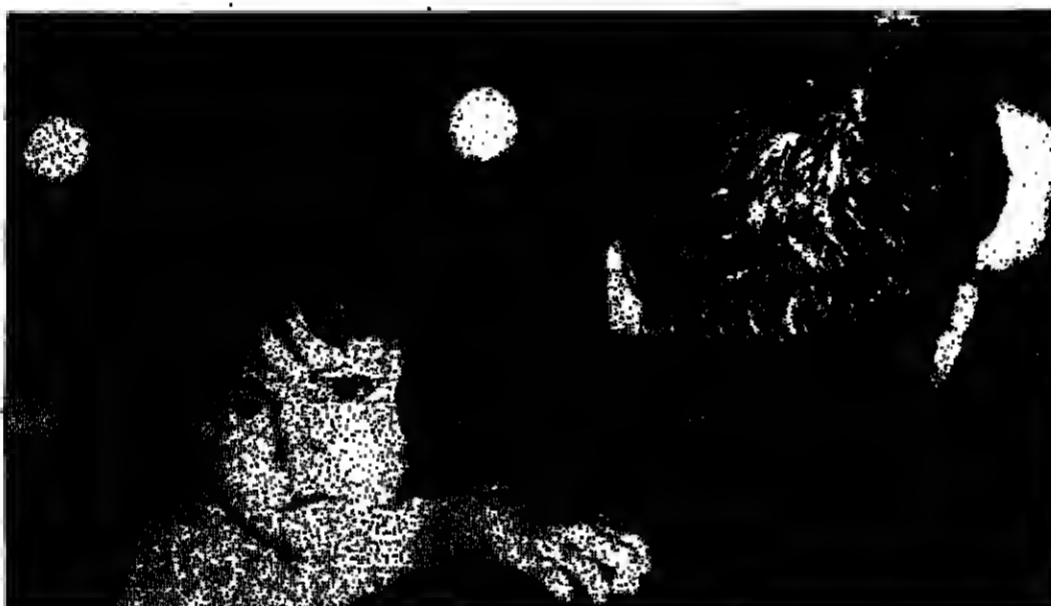
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A boy identified by a firefighter as Daniel is carried from the crash site of Avianca flight from Colombia to New York. (Reuters wirephoto)



The Colombian passenger jet seen after the crash. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## Azeri action rapped

Troops sent to smash Popular Front

MOSCOW, Jan 26, (Agencies): Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov said the mass deployment of troops in the Azerbaijani capital Bakou was intended to smash the southern republic's powerful Popular Front movement, Izvestia reported today.

Radical deputies in the Soviet Parliament complained their chamber had not been consulted on the measure and demanded an emergency debate on Transcaucasia. They criticised the government for failing to quell ethnic unrest and resorting to force instead of negotiating.

They warned the protracted violence threatened the Kremlin's perestroika reforms.

Reports from Bakou said calm was

gradually returning to the city on the Caspian Sea, where at least 100 people have died since the troops moved down barricades set up by nationalists during a week of unrest.

In Moscow, a senior Azerbaijani activist was arrested after a raid on the republic's Moscow mission.

Yazov, speaking at a news conference yesterday in Bakou, said the Popular Front had an elaborate structure intent on undermining the communist leadership and seizing power.

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## Film mocks Khomeini, Iran seeks ban

MANILA, Jan 26, (Renter): The Iranian government demanded today the withdrawal from Philippine cinemas of "Naked Gun," an American comedy film the Iranians say mocks the late Ayatollah Khomeini.

"In this film, the great personality of our respected leader has been disgraced," the Iranian embassy said in a protest note to the Foreign Office.

"The embassy expects the Department of Foreign Affairs to stop (the) showing of this film as well as its rescheduling or re-showing in the Philippines," it said.

It said a team was trying to determine the identity of the gunmen.

A guard statement quoted earlier by the radio described the hijackers of Flight 133 as "mercenaries of America," a catch-all phrase for opposition groups fighting to overthrow the Islamic government.

Several Iran Air jets were hijacked to Iraq during the 1980-88 Gulf war.

It said the hijackers attempted to take control of the plane about 90 miles (145 kms) from Shiraz, in southern Iran.

The crack internal security force, whose agents fly on every Iran Air flight, said all four hijackers were killed in a shoot-out with agents on board the plane.

None of the passengers were wounded and the plane returned to Shiraz after the attempt, the radio reported.



Two young women hold on to a railing in gale-force winds in London. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Martial law' Kashmir revolt

SRINAGAR, India, Jan 26, (Agencies): Beefed-up government troops strictly enforced a curfew and searched houses for Muslim separatists today as India marked its 40th anniversary as a republic, witnesses and sources said.

At least 70 people, mostly militant Muslims, have been killed since the government launched a crackdown on separatists in Kashmir last Saturday in an effort to halt escalating violence.

Muslim youths defied the curfew and burned Indian flags shortly after daybreak today. A few hours later, a state government official presided over an anniversary ceremony, but no spectators were permitted to attend.

A spokesman for Kashmir's senior Muslim cleric, Mirwaiz Moulvi Farooq, said "it is virtually martial law."

Journalists were confined to a hotel and warned they would be arrested and risked getting shot if they tried to leave it. Telephone calls were disrupted.

In Srinagar, where Muslim crowds have frequently defied the curfew orders confining them to their homes, troops refused to let anyone on the streets. People were ordered to keep windows closed.

Sources contacted by telephone from Jammu, the state's winter capital, said troops conducted house-to-house searches in several parts of Srinagar and the nearby towns of Anantnag and Baramulla.

Several Muslims youths were detained, the sources said on condition of not being identified. They said they did not know the exact number detained.

At least nine people were shot dead when a small Himalayan town joined a separatist revolt in Kashmir.

Officials said today that security forces opened fire to drive off a crowd of thousands who attacked their food supply truck as it drove through Handwara, 100 km (60 miles) east of the Pakistan border, on Thursday night.

Witnesses in Handwara said the death toll was higher. One said he counted 10 bullet-scattered bodies in one local hospital.

The militant Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front in a message, relayed from the loudspeakers of the city's mosques, told Muslims to observe a "civilian curfew" against India's celebration of Republic Day.

In Muzaffargarh, Pakistan, thousands of angry Kashmiris marched through the capital of Pakistan-ruled Azad Kashmir today calling for an Islamic holy war against India.

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David Rothenberg, 13, who was set on fire by his father Charles in 1983, talks to reporters. David said his father should be kept in prison for the rest of his life. In March of 1983, Charles poured paraffin on the bed where the boy was sleeping and set fire to it, after a telephone argument with his divorced wife. (Reuters wirephoto) See story on Page 7



### Death of a legend

Ava Gardner, seen in this filephoto with Frank Sinatra, died in London on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto) See story on Page 2

## Million decry Benazir

KARACHI, Jan 26, (Renter): Pakistani opposition leaders, cheered on by over a million people, denounced Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government as corrupt and incompetent today.

The rally, billed as the opposition's answer to Benazir's claim of overwhelming popular support, spread over a huge area around the tomb of Pakistan's founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah in the country's biggest city.

Benazir herself was lying in hospital a few kilometres (miles) away after giving birth to a baby girl yesterday and becoming the first head of government to have a child in office.

Some opposition leaders estimated the crowd at up to three million people and most put it at more than 1.5 million.

Troops and paramilitary rangers patrolled in trucks with mounted machine-guns to prevent trouble between opposition supporters and activists of Benazir's Pakistan People's Party.

"We will remove this government and we will try all the corrupt ministers," Syeda Abida Hussain, a prominent woman member of Parliament, said to nud cheers.

Some of the biggest applause was reserved for the appearance of a huge portrait of Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, the military president who ruled Pakistan with an iron grip for 11 years.

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**\$3 million damages****Woman sues Shatner**

LOS ANGELES, Jan 26, (Reuters): A woman who claims to have been the companion of 'Star Trek' star William Shatner for more than five years sued him on Wednesday for \$3 million in damages, alleging fraud and deceit.

In a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, Vira Montes, 28, said she was Shatner's companion, confidante and housekeeper and helped him with his career from September 1984 until earlier this month.

In return for giving up her career as a medical assistant, Shatner agreed to provide her financial support, Montes alleged.

Shatner, the stalwart Captain James T. Kirk of the USS Enterprise in the television series, was not immediately available for comment.

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**Ava Gardner is dead****World's most beautiful woman**

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): Ava Gardner, the actress who turned her back on Hollywood after winning rave reviews as one of the most beautiful women in the world, died yesterday at the age of 67 in a London hospital.

A spokeswoman for her agent in Los Angeles, Jess Morgan, said Gardner, who lived in self-exile from Hollywood for the past 22 years, died of pneumonia. Friends said that when she moved to England a few years ago, it restored her sanity.

Hollywood mourned Gardner as stars and directors paid tribute to the actress.

Former president of the US, Ronald Reagan, a personal friend, said in Los Angeles she was "a great star who gave us all so many wonderful moments on the screen."

Mickey Rooney, who heard the news in Florida, said his ex-wife's death had left him bereft.

"My heart is broken with the loss of my first love," the 69-year-old actor said. "The beauty and magic of Ava will forever be in all

of our hearts."

Gardner, the star of such films as 'Barefoot Contessa,' 'The Night Of The Iguana,' 'Mogambo,' 'The Snows Of Kilimanjaro,' and 'Pandora And The Flying Dutchman,' was treated in hospital for pneumonia when she visited Los Angeles in October 1986.

A tough-talking lady who repeatedly fought her studio, Hollywood friends remembered stories of her late-night parties and her failed marriages to Rooney, band leader Artie Shaw and singer Frank Sinatra.

Gardner was once described as "the world's most beautiful animal" because of a series of sultry, sexy roles in Hollywood. Her last film was 'The Priest Of Love' in 1980, a movie based on the life of writer D.H. Lawrence.

Gardner maintained through her life that she was a victim of her sexy image and said she "was never really an actress. None of us kids that came up through the studio system were. We were just good to look at."

"Every time I tried to act they stepped on me. That is why it is such a goddamn shame."

Joseph Mankiewicz, who directed Gardner in 'The Barefoot Contessa,' one of the actress' biggest hits, said of her, "if something came along, she did it and she enjoyed it."

"I don't think Ava ever put body and soul into her performances. She put body and soul into living a life, that was as happy as she wanted to be."

Gardner herself once said, "I was never the world's greatest actress but still, it's all I know how to do."

She was born Lucy Johnson on Dec 24, 1922, in Smithfield, N.C., where she liked to run barefoot and climb trees with her brother and three sisters.

When she was 17, she visited a sister in New York whose husband, a professional photographer, took hundreds of pictures and sent some to a MGM talent scout.

According to an unconfirmed anecdote, a studio official said after her first screen test, "she can't act. She didn't talk. She's sensational. Get her over here."

Promoted as a screen sex goddess, she made a huge splash in 1951 with her marriage to Sinatra.



Actress Ava Gardner, shown in this 1951 publicity photo, died on Jan 25 of pneumonia at her home in London. She was 67. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Filmmaker Coppola files for bankruptcy**

SANTA ROSA, Calif, Jan 26, (Reuters): Francis Ford Coppola, director of the 'Godfather' and 'Apocalypse Now' yesterday filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for himself and his production company, Zoetrope Productions of San Francisco.

The Zoetrope film lists debts as \$28.9 million and assets as \$22.2 million. Coppola, listed as the sole director of Zoetrope, also filed for himself doing business as Sophia Properties and Niebum-Coppola estate. His debts were listed as \$6 million on assets of \$3 million.

The petition was filed with the US Bankruptcy Court in Santa Rosa, 58 miles north of San Francisco and the

nearest major town to Coppola's home in Rutherford, California.

A Chapter 11 filing allows a business to reorganise and get new financing under the supervision of the court while debtors are held at bay.

It is not yet clear what the filing means for the 'Godfather, Part III,' now in production. Coppola's lawyer, Michael Ahrens, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Zoetrope has been known to have financial problems since Coppola's unsuccessful attempt to open a studio in Hollywood.

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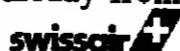
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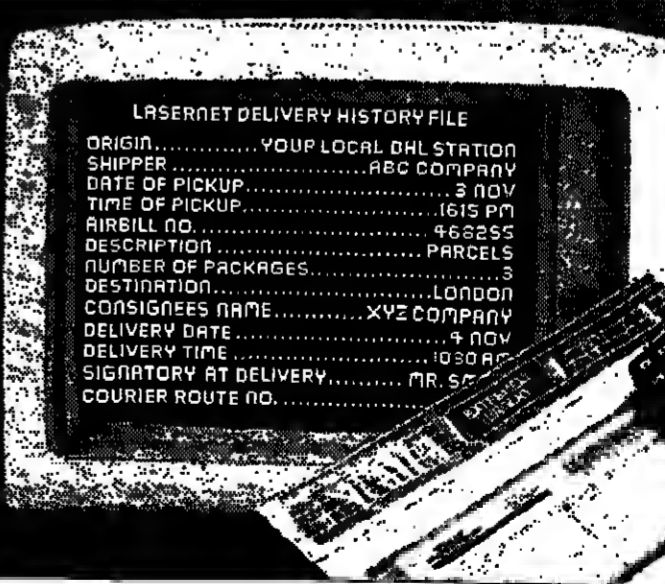
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# Laurent steals the show

Montana flops

PARIS, Jan 26. (Agencies) Yves Saint Laurent won a long standing ovation as he waltzed down the runway wearing models after a show of summer haute couture featuring clean, colourful classics as only he can make them.

The crowd's enthusiasm contrasted with Tuesday night's debut of ready-to-wear wizard Claude Montana as haute couturier for the celebrated House of Lanvin, a sad moment in which Montana seemed out of his element.

Many had predicted that Montana would win the "Golden Thimble" award for his first haute couture line.

But a panel of international journalists picked the grey-haired Rabanne instead, praising a gimmicky show which featured stinky black leather dresses with laced-up décolletés and shiny lame sheaths held together with golden chains.

Collecting the prize for the first time, Rabanne predicted fashion in the 1990s would become more sexy.

"There's going to be a return to feminine eroticism, but the stress will be on women's natural bodies and not on artificiality," he said after the ceremony in Paris's Baroque town hall.

Yves Saint-Laurent was more to the couture point, said fashionable Paloma Picasso. "I loved his evening wear, with so many ideas and such fabulous colour combinations, as usual."

Saint Laurent's day wear was striking and wearable. It centred on sharp white, ivory or navy buttoned or shantung suits — including sleek pants or short skirts with tailored jackets.

Disregarding fashion critics who tell him to discard shoulder pads, Saint Laurent still shows his daytime clothes neatly padded out to give shape. But the blouses underneath have softer shapes in scoop-necked satin or organza models, with cap, or ruffled sleeves.

He dedicated many models to past or present entertainment stars. Some looked downright odd, like the frog-buttoned black gazar coat over a pants suit dedicated to Rita Hayworth.

But his homage to his home in Morocco was a simple white satin sheath topped by a stunning jacket that made the dress. Engineered by master embroiderer Francois Lesage, it was an extravaganza of mirrored sequins, beads and crystals.

In easy-to-wear daytime lines, Saint Laurent turned out a soft midnight blue silk chemise dress with big white buttons and several silk shirtwaists in jungle-print prints.

His faultless use of fabric and colour went from slinky little cream satin "sandwiches" to a fresh blue plaid, organza dress with puffy sleeves and deep décolleté.

Montana, by contrast, lacked the elegant elaboration of haute couture.

"It was pure Montana," Elin Saltzman, corporate fashion director of R.H. Macy Inc., commented tersely.

Not that the clothes were bad,



French designer Yves Saint-Laurent presents this multi-coloured dress worn with a feathered hat during the spring-summer 1990 high fashion show in Paris.



(Above) French designer Givenchy presented this draped crepe dress with a floral print.



(Right) Norwegian designer Par Spook waves to spectators at the end of the show. On left is a model wearing a white floral lace dress.



Spanish designer Paco Rabanne is presented with the Golden Thimble award for best spring and summer haute couture collection at a ceremony at Paris's town hall.

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own label.

The billowy white short gazar "french coats" had Montana cachet. Brown and earthy colours like khaki, tobacco, chocolate and clay were featured in luxury fabrics.

Montana based his silhouette on lean pants and jodhpurs, with most interest in the toppers like a striped sequined shortie duffel coat over navy shorts.

But the audience looked mainly perplexed, with some sniffing that the combinations just did not make a couture look.

Rich clientele who usually love Lanvin are unlikely to go for the austere evening wear, with spider web see-through effects on top.

However, lovely late-day ideas in fabulous fabrics were paraded at the young couture House of Lecoanet-Hemant.

The clothes were form-fitting, with clever draping, insertion of elaborate lace touches under waistlines, lashings of white organza on colours or skirt flounces adding dashes of fun.

A typical sexy cocktail outfit paired an asymmetrical fitted jacket over a tiny lean color leather skirt.

Designer Didier Lecoanet also worked with new raffia lace trim and gold braid effects in the bright outfits. Other summery touches came in the mother-of-

pearl shell embroideries.

With some cutouts revealing skin for summer, plenty of bouncy evening wear with short skirts in front and train effects in back, the festive outfits in light organza, brocade, taffeta faille and gazar were truly worthy of the haute couture label.

The clothes, costing many thousands of dollars per outfit, are mainly for show. About 2,000 women regularly buy couture, meant to power the fashion houses' and other products, from accessories to perfumes.

French designer Emanuel Ungaro abandoned his obsession with flowers on Tuesday and wallowed in pure colour.

## Groups oppose standardised tests in schools

WASHINGTON, Jan 26. (AP) Leaders of more than four dozen US education, parent, and civil rights groups said standardised, multiple-choice tests should no longer be used to measure student performance.

Those tests should be replaced with "performance-based assessments" that provide educationally useful information to parents, schools, communities, and governments, the group said.

"The testing craze has damaged the quality of our schools," said Monte Neil, associate director of Fairtest of Cambridge, Massachusetts, which is spearheading the effort.

"Low-income and minority-group children have been particularly harmed. Teaching the narrow content

included in multiple-choice tests has prevented students from learning higher-order thinking skills."

Gregory Anrig, president of the educational testing service, the Princeton, NJ firm that produces several popular tests for college-bound students, said he disagrees with the "blanket rejection of multiple-choice tests."

"They remain a valid, efficient and inexpensive means to measure certain important aspects of student achievement," he said in a statement.

"To simply call for abandonment of a proven and economical method of measurement is to go forth with one of education's hands tied behind its back, and impede the timely progress that all Americans desire for our schools."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

# Topless picture of Anne

## Coleridge biographer wins

# Book of the year

LONDON, Jan 26. (Reuters) A biographer of English romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge won Britain's richest literary prize this week.

Writer Richard Holmes was presented with the £22,000 (£36,000) Whitbread Book of the Year Award for his "Coleridge: Early Visions" at a celebrity dinner in London.

The book won wide acclaim for its insight into the life of Coleridge, best known for the poems "Kubla Khan" and "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." Holmes has also written a biography of the poet Shelley.

The prize-winning book was selected from an initial field of more than 400 in five categories: biography, first novel, novel, children's novel and poetry.

of it having done so."

Isherwood, who died last year aged 72, painted the picture to the year Princess Anne married Mark Phillips. It was banned by organisers of an Isherwood exhibition and was bought privately from the artist by the woman who has now sent it for auction.

"We have informed the vendor and apologised for any inconvenience which might have been caused," Gowland said. "The picture will be returned to her and she is, of course, at perfect liberty to sell it elsewhere."

LONDON, Jan 26. (Reuters) British auctioneers said yesterday they had withdrawn a painting depicting a topless Princess Anne embracing her now-estranged husband, Mark Phillips, from a major sale.

The 1973 picture of Queen Elizabeth's daughter was the work of Lawrence Isherwood, who courted controversy by painting celebrities with what he imagined were their naked bodies.

Auctioneers Phillips told reporters they were withdrawing the painting because of "apparently difficult times" for Princess Anne and her husband.

On Monday, the 39-year-old princess denied banner-headline reports in British tabloid newspapers that she was planning to divorce Mark Phillips.

The auctioneers' managing director, Bob Gowland, said: "Frankly I have no idea whether this painting would cause offense or not. The decision to withdraw it from sale was made simply to avoid the possibility

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Van Gogh up for auction

A painting by Vincent van Gogh, loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1984, will leave the museum to be auctioned for an expected price of up to \$50 million, Christie's Auction House says.

The painting, "Portrait of Dr. Gachet," is from the collection of Siegfried Kramarsky, a German-born New York banker who died in 1981. It is being sold by a trust created under his will.

Museum director Philippe de Montebello said he was not surprised that such a painting was headed for the auction block.

"The reduced tax advantages to collectors and the increased sale potential are a combination that is irresistible to collectors and fatal to museums," he said.

The portrait of Dr. Paul-Ferdinand Gachet was painted six weeks before Van Gogh committed suicide in 1890. It will be auctioned May 15, almost precisely 100 years after it was finished.

Gachet, a practitioner of homeopathic medicine, was Van Gogh's physician and a friend of impressionist painters. The doctor, an artist himself, is shown seated at a table, head in hand, with what Van Gogh called "the broken-hearted expression of our time."

Van Gogh painted a slightly larger version with less detail and flatter colors. It hangs in the Musée D'Orsay in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Aids drug works: tests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, (AP) — A synthetic compound has been shown in laboratory experiments to prevent reproduction of the Aids virus, US researchers announced yesterday.

The compound, a man-made peptide called U-81749, appears to block the final stage of a process the Aids virus uses to reproduce itself in human cells. It works in a different way than AZT, or zidovudine, which attacks an earlier stage in the life cycle of the virus.

"It (U-81749) drastically slows down and reduces the number of mature viral particles you get in an infection," said Leonard Post, director of infectious disease research at Upjohn Co., the pharmaceutical firm that developed the compound.

At present, AZT is the only anti-viral drug that has been proven to help fight Aids in humans. Still, there is no cure for the deadly disease.

Post said the new compound works by inhibiting the action of protease, an enzyme used by the Aids virus to process proteins during the final stages of its reproduction. The result, he said, is that the virus cannot make mature copies of itself, and this prevents the spread of infection to other cells.

He emphasized that the compound has been used only in test tubes on cultured cells and that it will be years before such a compound will be ready for human tests.

Aids, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV. When this virus invades a human cell, it takes over the cell's protein-making machinery to reproduce itself. During this process, the virus directs the creation of a number of different proteins. Protease is an enzyme the virus uses to chop up a large protein molecule, called P55, into several different types of smaller protein molecules needed to make a mature HIV particle.

Post said that by blocking the action of protease, the P55 molecule is not processed and the viral particle does not mature.

Dr. Bernard Moss, chief of the laboratory of viral diseases at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the Upjohn research has demonstrated a new vulnerable point in the Aids virus.

"The major significance of the work is that we are now attacking another target in the HIV virus," said Moss.

## Body shapes, health linked

Pears are better

BOSTON, Jan. 26, (AP) — It's healthier to be shaped like a pear than an apple, and now experts believe they know why: cholesterol levels are closely linked with where people carry their fat.

Researchers have long noticed that folks with fat posterior tend to have healthier hearts than those with big stomachs, but the reason for this was unclear.

A new US study offers a possible explanation. It shows that people with beefy hips and trim waists have higher levels of a protective form of cholesterol called HDL than do those with potbellies and small behinds.

"When patients come in, we advise them to lose weight," said Dr. Richard E. Ostlund Jr. "This paper suggests that more important than that is how the fat is distributed."

His study, conducted with healthy elderly people, found that differences in people's HDL cholesterol levels.

Ostlund's study, conducted at Washington University School of Medicine, was published in yesterday's New England Journal of Medicine.

HDL — High Density Lipoprotein — is the so-called good cholesterol. The more people have in their blood, the lower their chances of heart attacks. Women typically have higher HDL levels than men. As they grow older, women also tend to put on weight around their hips, while men are more prone to larger bellies.

Experts have long suspected that differences in sex hormones might explain the HDL disparity between men and women. However, the new study suggests that body shape, not sex, could be the key factor. It found that pear-shaped men tend to have high HDL, while apple-shaped women have lower HDL.

"It's not how fat you are; it's where the fat's located," said Ostlund. "The fat around your hips, the good fat that women have, is predominantly subcutaneous fat, or just underneath the skin. But the fat you have in your belly is intra-abdominal fat. The difference is where the blood supply of those two areas drains."

Tummy fat surrounds the intestines, and its blood supply drains directly to the liver, he said. "The liver is sensitive to things that fat cells put out. The metabolism of the liver may be changed because of the intra-abdominal fat," including the liver's production of HDL.

The blood from hip fat does not drain directly to the liver and so has less impact on the way it works, he said.



Italian students rally

Police clash with students during a demonstration at Bologna University late Jan. 24. Italian students are demonstrating in several universities against a project of reform of educational system proposed by the Italian Minister for Scientific Research Antonio Rubarti. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Trump feels guilty but proud of wealth

## Billionaire would be happy living in a studio apartment

CHICAGO, Jan. 26, (UPI) — Billionaire Donald Trump says he feels guilty about his wealth and would be happy living in a studio apartment.

But he also says he will build the world's tallest building on Manhattan's west side no matter what and believes his name on a building adds hundreds of dollars a square foot to its market value.

In other observations in an interview in the March issue of Playboy magazine, Trump said: — Jesus Christ and Mother Teresa had greater egos "than you will ever understand."

— A violent revolution is in store for the Soviet Union.

— The Japanese "double-screw" the United States economically.

— American society will "rot away" unless the death penalty is brought back swiftly.

— A "kinder, gentler America" will cease to exist.

"I do have a feeling of guilt," Trump told Playboy. "I'm living well, and I like it. I know that many other people don't live particularly well. I do have a social conscience."

He said he has given away substantial sums to charities and

otherwise tried to help the disadvantaged.

Trump also said his ostentatious lifestyle is not entirely for his personal gratification.

"People understand the (118-room) house in Florida is business," he said. "I use it very seldom. I could be happy living in a studio apartment."

"Oh, come on," the interview replied.

"I mean it," Trump said. "The houses, the planes and the boats are just investments."

Still, he made it clear he knows he has an ego and made it plain he has no intention of lowering his

ambitions.

"Every successful person has an ego," he said.

"Every successful person? Mother Teresa? Jesus Christ?" Playboy asked.

"Far greater egos than you will ever understand," Trump replied.

Asked about opposition to his plans for a "Trump City" on the Hudson River in Manhattan, he said: "I'll build it, though it may not be now."

From a marketing point of view, Trump said, "putting my name on buildings is a plus. I'm now building Trump Palace, and

if I called it something else, I would get hundreds of dollars less per square foot."

Trump said he does not want to be president, although he has firm ideas about how the country should be run, including a strong, dependable military and strict imposition of the death penalty.

"I like George Bush very much, and I support him, and I always will," he said. "But I disagree with him when he talks about a kinder, gentler America. I think if this country gets any kinder or gentler, it's literally going to cease to exist."

## Sunspots linked with flu outbreaks

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, (AP) — An overactive sun may trigger major influenza outbreaks on earth, an analysis says, but an influenza expert suspects the idea doesn't really shed much light on the disease.

The analysis suggests that peak sunspot activity and flu pandemics occurred at about the same time unusually often from 1761 to 1893 and from 1919 to 1979.

Sunspots are dark markings of varying sizes that show up periodically in the sun. On average, the number of sunspots peaks about every 11 years.

The proposed "sun-at-flu connection" is described in a letter to the editor in yesterday's issue of the Journal Nature by British astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle and colleague N.C. Wickramasinghe.

The idea had been advanced in 1978 on the basis of a smaller set of data, they noted.

Solar activity peaks when the number of sunspots peaks, they said.

"Electrical fields associated with intense solar winds can rapidly drive charged particles of the size of viruses down through the exposed upper atmosphere into the lower atmosphere," they wrote.

Likely

But epidemiologist Paul Glesne of the Influenza Research Centre at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston said the idea "doesn't sound too likely."

Influenza viruses have a fatty covering that is not very stable outside the body, so it is "hard to imagine that a virus particle could be floating around for a very long time in the atmosphere and remain viable," he said.

There are many other attractive suggestions about what causes influenza pandemics, he said, so "I don't think we have to hypothesize that they come raining down from the atmosphere."

Dr. Larry Schreiber, a viral disease expert with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, said he was not swayed by the British argument.

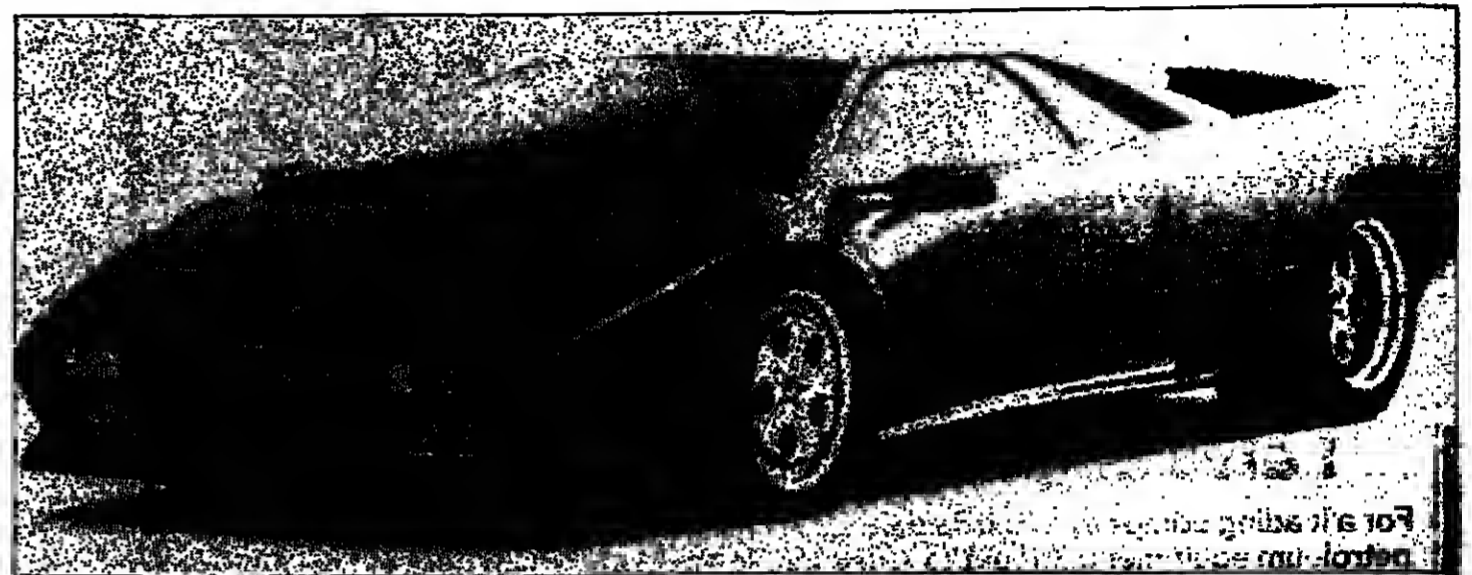
"I don't think you need to go to something like sunspots to explain influenza outbreaks," Schreiber said.

The CDC officials also noted that in some of cycles, the flu epidemic appeared as much as four years before the peak in solar activity. "If you are really trying to find an association, it looks like it is about half of these cases the influenza 'caused' the sunspots," he said.

As of Jan. 19, the CDC said influenza outbreaks had been reported in 15 states and there appears to be a "growing" flu activity. The national oceanic and atmospheric administration recently predicted the latest 11-year peak in sunspot activity would occur in February.

Dr. Gary Noble, writing in basic and applied influenza research, said Italians used the term "influenza" as early as the 14th century "to describe the 'influence' of stars and planets and later to describe 'influenza di freddo' — the influence of the cold — on the epidemic behavior of influenza."

"However, the exact influence on influenza epidemiology, if any of such factors are uncertain," Noble added.



High-priced debut

Lamborghini manufacturers announced about a \$40,000 increase starting next February, when the Italian automakers' new exotic car the Diablo, makes its North American debut. The \$180,000 48-valve sports

car is the world's fastest car, according to the Chrysler Corporation which owns Lamborghini. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Heart attack risk drops 3 years after quitting

### Good news for female ex-smokers

BOSTON, Jan. 26, (UPI) — Smoking sharply boosts a woman's chances of having her first heart attack but the risk drops back to normal within about three years after she quits the habit, researchers reported.

"The finding in the New England Journal of Medicine offer the most definitive evidence yet for women about what had long been known for men: quitting smoking quickly reverses the heart attack risk."

"The more, they smoke the greater the chance of having a heart attack. That's the bad news," said Boston University's Lynn Rosenberg, who led the study. "The good news is if they quit smoking that increase in risk will dissipate pretty much within three to four years after they quit. So they should quit as soon as they can."

Many previous studies have found smoking sharply increased the risk of having a heart attack for both men and women and that the risk dropped quickly in men. But there has been little research after the benefits of quitting for women, Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg and her colleagues studied 910 women who were hospitalized after their first heart attack and 2,375 women hospitalized for illnesses unrelated to smoking in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York.

Women who smoked had more than 3 1/2 times greater risk of suffering their first heart attack compared to women who had never smoked, and that risk increased with the amount smoked each day, the researchers found.

While smokers' heart attack risk remained elevated after they quit smoking, the risk decreased steadily after about the first year and had dropped to that equal to women who had never smoked by about three years after they had quit, the researchers said.

The risk dropped for women regardless of their age, the amount that they had smoked or the length of time they had smoked, the researchers said.

The findings are especially important because tobacco companies have been targeting their advertising campaigns at women, who now smoke at about the same rate as men, Rosenberg said.

### Diabetes 'hurdle' solved: Scientists have

recently solved a longstanding puzzle about diabetes that could eventually lead to better ways to treat a disease that affects 10 million Americans and many more people worldwide, it was reported in Boston.

Researchers determined most of the excess sugar in the blood of diabetics and non-diabetics is stored in the muscle as a substance known as glycogen — identifying for the first time the primary location of stored sugar.

The researchers also determined patients with the most common form of diabetes — non-insulin dependent diabetes — produce glycogen at about half the rate as non-diabetics, and there is a significant delay in that storage.

The findings should help refocus research to the muscle to determine why patients with non-insulin dependent diabetes fail to dispose of glucose normally, the researchers said. If the defect could be identified and corrected it would provide a better way to treat the disease, they said.

"I think it's important," said Robert Shulman, a professor of molecular biophysics and biochemistry at Yale University school of medicine in New Haven, Conn., who led the research.

"Instead of looking through the whole universe of the human being we can focus on the pathway of the muscle," Shulman said. (UPI)

### Inherited blindness cause found: The

genetic cause of a form of hereditary blindness which causes the retina to degenerate has been identified, medical researchers said on Thursday in London.

Retinitis pigmentosa strikes about one in every 4,000 people worldwide, making it one of the main causes of blindness. The disease progresses from initial night blindness and loss of peripheral vision to total loss of sight, with no known cure.

Doctors at Harvard Medical School in Boston, led by Elliot Berson, reported in the scientific journal Nature that mutation in the genetic code for a protein that determines eye pigment was found only



To abort is to kill

Anti-abortion demonstrators protest carrying a sign that reads, "To abort is to kill, even if the cadaver is very small — Yes to life" outside a courtroom in Pamplona, Spain Jan. 24, where a trial of three doctors, accused of illegally performing an abortion in 1986 began on Jan. 24. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Chemotherapy

## Short cure

LONDON, Jan. 26, (Reuters) — Women suffering from breast cancer responded just as well to a shortened period of chemotherapy as those receiving long-term treatment, according to a British study reported today.

Currently patients who suffer from advanced breast cancer are kept on a continued regimen of chemotherapy, even after remission, because it is not known how long the treatment should be continued to receive maximum benefit.

Researchers at Newcastle General Hospital in northwest England said they found no difference in the relapse rate between patients who stopped or continued treatment. Also, tumor cells not destroyed by the first few treatments may have developed a resistance to the drugs.

"Our findings suggest a cost-effective and less toxic way to treat advanced breast cancer... which has major implications for cost, resource allocation and toxicity of therapy," the researchers said in the Lancet.

in patients with retinitis pigmentosa.

Meredith Applebury of the University of Chicago's eye Research Laboratories said in an accompanying article that treatment or gene repair is still out of the question for the disease, despite the discovery.

"Meantime, one form of (retinitis pigmentosa) can be diagnosed specifically, which means that those who have a 50 per cent chance of passing on the defect to their children can now be offered accurate genetic counselling," he said. (Reuters)

### AHA goes ahead despite threat: The US

government threatened legal action Wednesday against a food labeling programme by a private health group, saying it could mislead consumers. But the group, the American Heart Association, decided to go ahead with the programme.

The Food and Drug Administration said in a letter that the food labeling programme could be "risking regulatory action." It said there is a "very real possibility that the FDA would find one or more foods under your programme to be misbranded," meaning they might carry misleading labels.

The programme, known as Heartguide, is an ambitious effort by the heart association to make consumers smarter shoppers by identifying products low in saturated fat, total fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Products tested and approved by the association, for a fee, would carry a symbol made up of a red heart and a check mark.

The heart association is proceeding with its launch of the programme Monday, however. "We've already talked to the companies" participating in the programme, "they are in," said a heartguide spokeswoman, Jany Poth.

But the next phase of the programme, in which cereals, cheese, cookies, pasta, salad dressings and other foods will be included, has been put on hold to negotiate further with the FDA.

"We all knew that something was coming" from the FDA, said John Cady, president of the National Food Processors Association, which has vigorously opposed the programme. (AP)

## Researchers find protein that inhibits inflammation and could stop arthritis

LONDON, Jan. 26, (Reuters) — Researchers have isolated a protein that inhibits inflammation, a discovery that could lead to the first drug to halt the progress of rheumatoid arthritis.

A group from Synergen, a Colorado biotechnology firm, said yesterday they had identified a biological inhibitor of interleukin-1 (IL-1), a hormone produced by the immune system in response to injury or infection.

The hormone stimulates inflammation

such as redness, swelling or pain — a desired reaction in some situations — by attaching itself to a receptor on the surface of the cell.

In a healthy system it is held in check by similar but benign antagonists which reach the receptors first, blocking the spread of the hormone.

When the ratio of IL-1 and its antagonists is imbalanced, a whole host of inflammatory diseases can result, including arthritis, colitis and asthma.

The Synergen researchers, reporting in the scientific journal Nature, said they were able to pinpoint the gene that contains the instructions for the antagonist.

They found that it is very similar in structure to IL-1 and is even produced by the same cells.

Thus, unlike such anti-inflammatory drugs as steroids, only disease processes involving IL-1 should be affected by the introduction of the antagonist. Patients

taking a drug based on the activator should suffer much fewer side effects as a result, the researchers said.

There is currently no treatment that can halt the progress of rheumatoid arthritis, a chronic disease that causes inflammation and stiffening of the joints and can eventually leave its victims crippled.

Arthritis sufferers often take steroids, an anti-inflammatory drug that only relieves symptoms and can have serious side effects if taken for a prolonged period.

# Cory urged to call early polls

Public demand rises

MANILA, Jan 26, (UPI): A group of senators filed a resolution today calling for early presidential elections, citing a popular clamour following a bloody coup attempt last month.

Authorised by Senator Ernesto Maceda, the resolution proposed the amendment of the constitution to advance elections for president, vice president and members of the Senate and the House of Representatives from May 11, 1992, to Nov 11, 1991.

Senators Rene Saguisag, Jose Lina and Ernesto Herrera endorsed the resolution filed in the 23-member Senate.

The resolution said that following the Dec 1-9 coup attempt against President Corason Aquino, "a strong public clamour has emerged calling for an immediate snap election."

It cited unresolved problems of graft and corruption, spiralling prices of prime commodities, shortage of transportation facilities and the communist insurgency.

The resolution also said the

holding on May 11, 1992, of simultaneous elections for national, provincial and town officials requiring the writing of at least 47 names on the ballot, was "impractical, cumbersome and time-consuming."

At least 119 people were killed and more than 500 wounded in the uprising last month, the sixth in Aquino's nearly four years as president.

Mutineers accused Aquino of inefficiency and corruption. Under the 1987 constitution, Aquino's term is due to expire June 30, 1992.

Maceda's resolution was introduced one week after an unannounced visit by US Deputy National Security Adviser Robert Gates, which sparked speculation that he came to urge Aquino to call a snap election.

Gates denied the speculation and said his mission was to reaffirm support of Aquino and enhance her efforts to promote political stability.



Happy Birthday Aquino

President Corason Aquino receives a birthday cake Jan 25 from the townspeople of Catbalogan in the central Philippine island of Samar. Aquino visited the poverty-stricken region to celebrate his 57th birthday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Arms to rebels worry Manila

We're watching: C-in-C

MANILA, Jan 26, (UPI): The Philippines armed forces chief said yesterday he was disturbed over attempts by communist rebels to secure arms from North Korea and said the military was watching the situation carefully.

Gen. Renato de Villa told a Rotary Club meeting authorities have not yet confirmed if arms from North Korea have actually been landed in the country.

He confirmed a military statement that documents taken from a captured top rebel leader showed that Philippine guerrillas forged an agreement in the fall of 1987 with North Korea to provide arms in exchange for information on US military facilities in the country.

The documents, which were released Wednesday, were taken from Wilma Tiamzon, a politburo member of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, who was arrested during a raid on his suburban apartment last Oct 4.

Asked to comment on news reports of arms shipment from North Korea, De Villa said, "I agree with you that these are disturbing reports ... (but) we are not ready to confirm that arms have actually been shipped."

He said the last foreign arms shipment to the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines and its military arm, the New Peoples Army (NPA), was from China in the early 1970s. He said in 1980 authorities discovered some 300 rifles intended for the rebels from an unidentified foreign country.

"Since that time up to the present, we have not confirmed or verified or even gotten accurate reports that large firearms shipments have been landed in the Philippines," De Villa said.

"We do acknowledge and we do not deny the fact that that remains always to be a distinct possibility in the light of our difficult geographical situation."

## Aquino declares war on poverty

CATBALOGAN, Philippines, Jan 26, (AP): President Corason Aquino, visiting one of the Philippines' most impoverished and rebel-infested islands, yesterday declared "total war" against poverty and urged Filipinos not to rely too much on foreign aid.

Aquino flew to this capital town of western Samar province, 528 kms (330 miles) southeast of Manila, to launch the Samar island development programme, the first project to be financed by a US-initiated international aid plan for the Philippines.

Among about 5,000 people listening to Aquino's address at the provincial gymnasium were US Ambassador Nicholas Platt, Japanese Ambassador Tsunen Tanaka and envoys from other countries participating in a joint foreign aid programme for the Philippines.

Hardship  
"As we launch today the Samar island development programme, I declare today a 'total war on poverty,'" the president said.

She said the modernisation of other parts of the Philippines "becomes an embarrassment when juxtaposed with the unrelieved alleviation of the hardship of life in this part of the country."

"As in the other war that you and I must fight to preserve democracy and stability in our country, there is also much that is at stake here," Aquino said, referring to the government's battles against a communist insurgency and marauding troops who launched a coup attempt from Dec 1-9.

Western Samar is one of three provinces on the island, the third largest in the Philippines. Many landless farmers and impoverished forest dwellers in Samar have joined the 19,000-member communist New People's Army, which has been fighting for 20 years to establish a Marxist government in the Philippines.

A government report said 77 per cent of families on the timber-rich island, which has a population of about 1.4 million, live in abject poverty, and about 38.5 per cent of the people are malnourished and eventually die from curable diseases.

The projects in the development programme include livelihood assistance for about 24,000 people, school buildings, a potable water system and a road network to link the towns on the island.

Aquino released 57 million pesos (\$2.7 million) for the projects.

Roberto Villanueva, chairman of the co-ordinating council of the Philippine assistance programme, said the programme will receive about 1 billion pesos (\$46.5 million) from the \$3.5 billion pledged by the United States, Japan, France and other countries participating in the aid plan.

"I appeal to the people of Samar: you must win this war. For Samar is a microcosm of the bigger war on poverty we must fight in our country," Aquino said.

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## NPA bombs USIS

DAVAO, Philippines, Jan 26, (Reuter): Suspected communist rebels on Thursday threw a bomb at the US Information Service office in the southern Philippine city of Davao, police said.

Before hitting the two-storey building housing the USIS office, the attackers buried a grenade at a police outpost eight kms (five miles) away, damaging a jeep, and bombed and shot at a government communications building.

No one was injured in the co-ordinated attacks, the second guerrilla raid in Davao in a month.

Earlier police reports that said the USIS office was also shot up were incorrect, the military said.

"It was just a small bomb and the building where the USIS office was located suffered only slight damage," US embassy spokesman Jerry Huchel said.



Rotting in jail

Anti-US bases Irish clergyman Shay Cullen views the jail in the Commission on Immigration and Deportation in Manila Jan 25 after a government prosecutor demanded his arrest when city officials where the base is located asked for his deportation for slandering Filipino honour. (Reuter wirephoto)

The communist New People's Army, which demands the removal of US military bases from the Philippines, has killed six Americans in ambushes on the northern island of Luzon over the past two years.

The attacks have prompted increased security around American facilities.

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# Noriega voodoo to ward off Bush

WASHINGTON, Jan 26, (UPI): The "cocaine-like" substance found in a Panama City house frequented by Manuel Noriega was really a "food concoction" for witchcraft with the names of President George Bush, Ronald Reagan and others written on them, Pentagon officials said.

The army at first thought it was 50 pounds (22 kg) of cocaine — possible proof that Noriega was involved in drug trafficking before the Dec 20 US invasion of Panama that led to the general ouster and later arrest by US authorities.

On Tuesday, the Pentagon reported that tests conducted by the army's central investigation division concluded the substance was not cocaine. But defence officials were at a loss to identify the material, and the Pentagon's criminal investigation division was not talking.

The Washington Post said CID officials reported the substance was tamale. The Pentagon denied it was tamale.

A Pentagon statement late Wednesday said that army officials on Dec 21 found 10 "oblong packages of a white, granular substance, each wrapped in green banana leaves with a string tied around them" in a refrigerator in a house frequented by Noriega.

"The substance looked like a white powder while in the refrigerator. However, once it was taken out of the refrigerator, it melted. It was discovered to be a combination of lard, corn meal and farina — a food concoction," the statement said.

Pentagon officials said it was believed to be a paste-like "binding material" that is used in voodoo rites.

"Inside several of the wrapped items, not all, were pieces of paper with names written on them. The names found on pieces of paper inside the wrappings were Ronald Reagan, George Bush, (Senator) Jesse Helms, Congress of the United States, (former Secretary of State) George Shultz, Senator (Alfonse) D'Amato, Clifford Alexander, Beena Stares," the official said.

On Dec 22, army Col. Mike Snell, commander of a US infantry task force, told reporters his troops had found 50 pounds (22 kg) of cocaine in a house frequented by Noriega at Fort Amador, a military base used jointly by US and Panamanian forces before the US invasion.

The two-story building was inhabited by a Brazilian woman believed to be Noriega's "sorceress" and became known among US soldiers as the "witch house."

Snell said some of the substance was found wrapped in banana leaves inside a refrigerator. "We're sure it's cocaine," he was quoted as saying.

Gen. Maxwell Thurman, commander of the US Southern Command based in Panama, later repeated the allegation increasing the amount, saying that 50 kilos (110 pounds) of cocaine belonging to Noriega had been found. A kilo equals 2.2 pounds.

The Pentagon, however, said Thurman was wrong and the amount found was 50 pounds (22 kg).

Noriega, who surrendered to US forces on Jan 3, is in jail in Miami awaiting trial on federal drug-trafficking and racketeering charges.

Federal prosecutors asked a judge to adopt strict secrecy rules for classified documents in the Noriega drug trafficking case, including fingerprinting and security checks of all the attorneys.

The request came Tuesday, two weeks after government lawyers tangled in court with a Noriega co-defendant's attorney who sought classified information about a US electronic eavesdropping facility in Panama City.

## Bush offers no indemnity Panama dead mourned

WASHINGTON, Jan 26, (AP): US President George Bush on Wednesday said he mourns the "loss of innocent civilians" due to the US invasion of Panama. But he is not expected to offer any compensation for their families in his Panama recovery package.

The White House will likely announce the package — a combination of grants, loans and encouragement for private assistance — this week, sources said.

If so, Vice President Dan Quayle could take the specifics with him to discuss with the new Panamanian government when he visits there this weekend. "We're going to be discussing their requirements and our resources," said Quayle's Press Secretary, David Beckwith. However, he said he did not know if the formal package would be ready.

Quayle is travelling to Panama after attending the Saturday presidential inauguration in Honduras. His mission is to urge recognition by other governments for the US-installed Panamanian government and to try and soothe the anger among Latin nations caused by Bush's military invasion.

Asked about the possibility of compensation for

civilian deaths, Bush sidestepped the question on Wednesday, telling a news conference, "I'm not sure of the details on the aid package because... I haven't signed off on it yet."

He added: "I mourn the loss of innocent civilians in Panama or anywhere else... you have to try to help — repair the wounds, repair the damage."

One likely component of the package will be assistance to rebuild homes that were damaged in the Dec 20 invasion, officials said.

Other items that have been discussed include helping Panama pay off its \$543-million foreign debt pushing other nations to also help Panama and offering loans to businesses that were destroyed due to the invasion, looting, or the past US sanctions against the government of deposed leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The United States has increased its military patrols in an effort to check a crime wave sweeping the capital and surrounding areas, a spokesman for the US Southern Command said.

"There was already some talk of setting up vigilante groups. The additional US security should stop that," the spokesman said yesterday.



Children of a lesser nation

Panamanian children who lost their homes during the US military invasion of Panama on Dec 20, smile to the photographer before lunch time at a refugee centre in the Albrook area of Panama City Jan 25. US President George Bush said \$500m from a \$1b aid package to rebuild Panama's economy would be used in humanitarian assistance for housing and public works. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Liberian hunt for rebels

# Few left alive

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, Jan 26, (AP): Liberian soldiers are killing hundreds of civilians in their search-and-kill mission for rebels, medical workers and diplomats said yesterday.

"They tell really horrendous stories of soldiers spraying entire villages with 50-calibre machine guns," said a Western diplomat who requested anonymity. Bullets from such heavy weapons tear huge holes in bodies.

The diplomat and Ivorian sources estimate at least 500 civilians have been killed in Liberia's eastern Nimba County since soldiers were deployed to halt a Dec 24 rebel incursion.

"The refugees say there are not many wounded people because the soldiers slaughtered so many," said the diplomat.

He visited the refugees Tuesday with Ivorian government officials,

aid workers and other diplomats from nations giving food, medicine and money to alleviate a food shortage. Officials also fear the possibility of disease outbreaks caused by an ongoing stream of refugees estimated yesterday to number more than 60,000. Between 12,000 and 15,000 other Liberians have sought refuge in Guinea, the diplomat said.

At the Ivorian border village of Danane, refugees dash into hiding in forests when they hear the deadly staccato of machine guns — traumatised by the combat and watching some of their relatives being killed," said Claude Regnier, a French adviser to the Ivorian government who heads a committee co-ordinating aid to the refugees.

"They are still in shock. When the gunfire starts, they rush to the forest and come out of the bush only when it stops," he said in an interview.

## Drug lords free all hostages

BOGOTA, Jan 26, (Reuters): A group of Colombian cocaine-traffickers said yesterday, they had freed the last hostage they held and would soon turn over their supply of bombs as a peace gesture in the drug war.

In a statement delivered by a businessman freed after a 15-day abduction, the Extraditables, widely identified with the Medellin cocaine cartel, reiterated their desire for unspecified "guarantees."

The Extraditables, so-named because they are sought by the United States to face drug charges, said if they were provided with such guarantees, they would give details about hostages held by other kidnappers in Medellin and the surrounding area.

The statement was delivered by businessman Juan Paez Soto, owner of a chain of car parts stores who was found yesterday morning chained to a garden fence in an affluent district in Medellin, police said.

Paez Soto was the sixth hostage freed since January 17, when the Extraditables offered to end cocaine exports, free all hostages and turn over their arms in return for unspecified constitutional and legal guarantees.

At the time the hostages releases began, police believed drug lords were holding up to 20 hostages.

The Extraditables declared all-out war on the Colombian establishment on August 24, six days after the government launched a tough crackdown on cocaine production and trafficking. More than 200 bombings were attributed to them.

Although the government rejected negotiations with the group, President Virgilio Barco noted on Saturday that the country's laws had room for flexibility. He did not elaborate.

The Extraditables' statement also blamed police for carrying out a massacre last Saturday outside the town of Gomez Plata, in which 12 youths, aged 15 to 29, were found shot dead at a luxurious weekend retreat. It said the killers belonged to an elite police commando group and judicial police groups stationed in Bello, a Medellin suburb.

The Extraditables also blamed a few unidentified police for kidnapping and in their statement asked whether the government would investigate and jail these policemen.

The army announced yesterday that it had seized an arsenal that had belonged to Medellin drug lord Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, who was killed by police on December 15.

In the raid east of Bogota, troops found 45 rifles, more than 700,000 rounds of ammunition and 40 kg (90 pounds) of dynamite, the army said.

Meanwhile a Long Island man was sentenced to 25 years in prison, fined \$50,000 and ordered deported for taking part in a multi-million dollar Medellin, Colombia, drug cartel that ran a "massive drug conspiracy."

Judge John Keenan of US district court in Manhattan, who handed down the sentence yesterday to Pedro Charris, 35, a Colombian national, explained his stiff action as an attempt to stem "the cancer eating at America that has to be stamped out."



Prop up Chamorro call

US President George Bush on Wednesday called on the Democratic and Republican political parties to give money to the candidacy of Nicaraguan Violeta Chamorro, who is running against President Daniel Ortega in the upcoming elections.

He also called on the parties to conduct fund-raising among their own donors for Mrs Chamorro.

Bush's letter of request, released at the White House on Wednesday afternoon, caught both the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee by surprise.

The Democrats will not likely accommodate the president's request, said DNC spokesman Mike McCurry. An American polling company predicted Wednesday Ortega will win the upcoming presidential elections by a landslide over opposition candidate Violeta Chamorro.

"Ortega has a majority of the votes and holds a considerable advantage over Chamorro, 51 per cent (to) 24 per cent. Minor parties will gain 8 per cent of the vote, and 16 per cent of the voters are undecided," Stanley Greenberg, president of the Boston-based Greenberg-Lake Polling Firm, said during a news conference.

Chamorro, publisher and director of the opposition daily La Prensa, will present the 14-party coalition the United National Opposition, or UNO, against Ortega of the Sandinista Front of National Liberation, or FSLN, in the upcoming Feb 26 national elections. In addition to choosing a president, Nicaraguans are also scheduled to elect new members of the legislative body, the national assembly.

Picture shows Ortega during a campaign rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Africa

**Zimbabwe denies hand in plot:** Zimbabwe's top official in Zambia Thursday denied allegations that his nation's president supported a plan to overthrow the government in Zambia.

Charges that Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe supported a 1983 coup plot were unfounded and would not harm relations between the two southern African nations, said Andrew Mtemwa, Zimbabwe High Commissioner (ambassador) in Lusaka. The allegations were made by a state witness in a high court treason trial Wednesday and received detailed coverage in government and ruling party-owned Zimbabwean newspapers. (AP)

**Lagos military appointments:** The Nigerian military government is appointing senior civil servants to run the two political parties it has created to contest elections during a transition to civilian rule.

A government statement issued Thursday said the civil servants will be responsible for administering the two parties during their first few months of operation. Their jobs will include handling the registration of members of the two parties. The parties will elect their own officials in June. President Gen. Ibrahim Babangida has repeatedly said the military will make sure that former politicians, whom it blames for creating the conditions that required the military to take power, will not become leaders of the new parties. (AP)

**Detention decree amended:** President Gen. Ibrahim Babangida signed a decree Thursday in Lagos reducing the military government's power to detain people without charge.

The decree, imposed in 1984, permitted three senior officials of the government to order the detention without charge of people deemed to be security threats. It allowed detentions of up to six months, and the orders could be renewed.

The new decree limits detentions to six weeks, at which time they can be renewed but must be reviewed by a panel made of government officials, religious leaders, a retired judge, a representative of the Nigerian Bar Association and others. (AP)

**Black American girls banned:** South African authorities have refused to enroll two black American girls in a whites-only school, despite a request backed by the US embassy to waive race segregation rules, the girls' father said.

Every morning my kids want to know why they are not going to school. How do I tell a six-year-old that she cannot go to school because she is black," Andrew Chirwa said.

Chirwa said he would fight the ruling by the minister responsible for white education, Piet Claas, that Tlani, 11, and Kondwani, 6, could not go to Rustenburg Junior School in the Cape Town suburb where they live because they were black. He said he could not afford to send his daughters, born in the United States and US passport holders, to non-racial private schools. State schools are racially segregated by law. (Reuters)

**Foreigners liable for bride price:** Foreigners may soon have to pay for their black Zimbabwean brides, a top law officer said Wednesday in Harare.

Attorney General Patrick Chinamasa said the hopeful husbands would most likely have to pay the traditional African "bride price" under proposed changes to laws covering the powers of tribal chiefs in this southern African nation.

Bride price is usually paid in cattle, recoverable if the woman proves barren, as well as cash, clothing and household goods. (AP)

### Stuck with bills

## Phone scam

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, New Jersey, Jan 26, (UPI): Someone in Brazil has Mike Novello's number — and has given the New Jersey computer programmer inches-thick telephone bills that have totalled more than \$80,000 since June.

But a spokesman for AT-and-T in Basking Ridge said yesterday that Novello will not be held liable for the calls and that AT-and-T is likely to be stuck with the bills.

"There is a lot of curiosity people out there and that's why we have an FBI-like force at AT-and-T," spokesman Harry Baumgartner said. Before his troubles began, Novello's bills were usually under \$35. He makes so few long-distance calls that MCI, his regular carrier, recently billed him 47 cents.

Novello cancelled his New Jersey Bell Calling Card as soon as he received an unusually large bill and remembers using it only once in 1987 to tell his parents he had just become engaged.

### Latin America

**2 held for stealing meteorite:** Two US citizens, one a world renowned geologist famous for collecting and selling meteorites, have been detained in Argentina for trying to steal a 33.4-tonne meteorite, a provincial judge said on Wednesday.

Robert Haag, a 33-year-old geologist, and photographer Jeffrey William Smith, 31, both from Tucson, Arizona, were arrested on Monday near Campo Del Cielo, some 1,020 km (630 miles) north-west of Buenos Aires, as they attempted to transport the world's third-largest meteorite across provincial borders in a truck.

Provincial judge Alicia Inez Sias de Roblero told Reuters the two and one Argentine who assisted them were being held but would not elaborate. (Reuters)

**Luder resigns in dispute:** President Carlos Menem on Thursday is to name a former top aide as defence minister, replacing the minister who resigned because Menem sided with the army chief of staff in a dispute over whether the general bypassed Luder's authority, Menem's spokesman said.

Spokesman Humberto Romero to replace Italo Luder, who resigned Wednesday.

Analysts said Luder's resignation was more a reflection of his poor standing with Menem than of problems within the armed forces. He was the unsuccessful Peronist candidate for president in 1983 and backed Menem's opponent in the party primary last year. After Menem won the presidency in May and Luder became defence minister, he was forced to accept Gen. Isidro Caceres as army chief instead of the general he wanted. (AP)

**De Mello appeals for help:** President-elect Fernando Collor de Mello of Brazil pledged Thursday to work to reduce the nation's foreign debt but stressed he cannot accept payment terms that will worsen conditions for Brazilians.

Collor de Mello, speaking to US business leaders during the first stop of a 20-day international tour, said Brazil is mired in the worst economic crisis of its history.

He also said he is encouraged by economic and political reforms in Eastern Europe, but urged the international community not to overlook the problems in Latin America that require urgent attention. (AP)

## Mandela reveals peace strategy

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 26, (Reuters): A Cape Town newspaper published yesterday what it said was Nelson Mandela's peace plan for South Africa, the first major policy statement by the nationalist leader since he was jailed 27 years ago.

South Africa's outlawed African National Congress (ANC) has backed the policy statement by Mandela, and asked him to continue talks with the government, an activist source said today.

The source, a close friend of Mandela's who asked not to be named, said the policy statement, which was published in South Africa and abroad, was authentic.

"There may have been some refinements along the way, but broadly the published documents still represent Mandela's views," he said.

In the plan, which the left-wing paper South said it had received from sources in London, Mandela urged negotiations between the white-minority South African government and the African National Congress (ANC) as soon as possible. Earlier yesterday, a letter from Mandela was made public in which he reiterated his support for nationalisation of mines, banks and other major industries in South Africa.

The statement in South said: "At the outset, I must point out that I make this move without consultation with the ANC." The paper said the document was the one Mandela gave to President F.W. de Klerk during a surprise meeting last month, but informed sources in the anti-apartheid movement said it was 2 years old, predating the first unprecedented contact last July between Mandela and De Klerk's predecessor, P.W. Botha.

The contact caused consternation among some anti-apartheid activists who said Mandela appeared to be speaking for the ANC without the organisation's official backing. Mandela said he was taking the initiative of talking to the government in order to bring the two sides together. He stressed his move was not the beginning of real negotiations.

"My task is a very limited one, and that is to bring the country's two major political bodies to the negotiating table."

"I must stress that no prisoner, irrespective of his status or influence, can conduct negotiations of this nature from prison," the statement said.

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De Klerk is expected to announce Mandela's release, one of the main preconditions demanded by the ANC for negotiations with Pretoria, within weeks.

Mandela in his summary stressed that the key to the whole situation was a negotiated settlement. "A meeting between the government and the ANC will be the first major step towards lasting peace in the country."

He called for pre-negotiations between Pretoria and the ANC to be followed up by the negotiations themselves when the climate was ripe. Any other approach would entail the danger of an irresolvable stalemate," he said.

Spokesman for the United Democratic Front, a close internal ally of the outlawed ANC, said they could not comment on the document, since it concerned ANC policy.

The South African Justice Minister also declined to comment when asked if the document was the same as that which Mandela gave to Botha or De Klerk.

The earlier letter, made public by anti-apartheid activists, reaffirmed Mandela's support for the ANC's policy of non-violence after a black businessman who visited him this month was quoted as saying Mandela favoured a free market economy.

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A leading newspaper reported yesterday that the government plans to partially lift the state of emergency and remove restrictions on the country's largest anti-apartheid coalition. Business Day, the country's top financial daily, also said Mandela "almost certainly" will be released in February.

The Business Day report cited unidentified government sources who spoke to the newspaper following Wednesday's meeting between De Klerk and his cabinet.

De Klerk is expected to outline his plans for reform when he opens Parliament on Feb 2.

Business Day said De Klerk probably will announce a partial lifting of the 43-month-old state of emergency, which gives authorities widespread powers to crackdown on anti-apartheid groups.

The newspapers said the President is also likely to remove restrictions placed on the United Democratic Front, a nation-wide anti-apartheid coalition of about 600 groups. The Front was effectively banned two years ago, but has since declared itself unbanned.

In a separate development, a judge yesterday refused to free a white former police captain allegedly involved in a secret terror network which harassed and assassinated anti-apartheid activists.

The suspect, Ferdinand Barnard, has been held without charge since Oct 31 as part of investigation into the 1989 assassinations of two white activists — Johannesburg University lecturer David Webster and Namibian lawyer Anton Lubowski.

## Haiti will lift state of siege

### Radical political leader missing

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Jan 26, (Reuters): In an apparent bid to appease Haiti's biggest foreign aid donors, military ruler Prosper Avril has announced plans to rescind a five-day-old state of siege today after virtually crushing his opposition.

Avril told an impromptu news conference yesterday that he would go ahead with a presidential election scheduled for October.

Asked when he would lift the 30-day state of siege declared last Saturday, Avril said: "I think tomorrow." State-run television later reported that Avril would address the nation this morning.

The government has imposed blanket censorship on news broadcasts and rounded up dozens of politicians. Many were beaten and at least six were deported.

Foreign diplomats said Avril appeared to be caving in after facing condemnation from the

United States, France and Canada — Haiti's traditional aid sources.

But some opposition sources said that even if the state of siege is lifted today, 24 days earlier than planned, the repression is likely to continue.

Western diplomats said Avril's decision to lift the emergency decree was calculated to reopen the door for future US aid.

Until the crackdown, Washington had been on the verge of resuming some of the aid that had been suspended following an election day massacre in 1987, a US official said.

A radical political leader was reported missing Thursday.

Rockefeller Guerre, head of the leftist Union of Patriotic Democrats Party and an outspoken critic of Avril, was reported missing by his wife.



Rodriguez is shown handcuffed in Bogota after his extradition from Spain on drug trafficking charges. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Call cartel chief offers to surrender

BOGOTA, Jan 26, (AP): The leader of one of Colombia's powerful cocaine cartels has said that he too wants to surrender, according to a letter published on Wednesday.

Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, said by Colombian authorities to be the chief of the Cali Cartel, wrote the owners of the Bogota daily El Tiempo and offered to face an extradition request from the United States. However, he said that the merits of the US request would have to be judged under Colombian law.

That presumably means that Rodriguez does not accept the validity of President Virgilio Barco's decree allowing extraditions to the United States and that the extradition request would have to be acted upon by a Colombian judge.

Rodriguez' letter was published in a front page story on Wednesday.

His request comes while Colombians are agonising over whether to believe the sincerity of a surrender offer from the world's biggest cocaine cartel.

# Bush wins on China veto but support is thin

## 'No student is going to be sent back against his or her will'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, (Reuters): President George Bush has won a battle with Congress over his veto of a bill allowing Chinese students to remain in the United States but votes in the Senate and House show that his China policy has stirred deep resentments.

The Senate saved Bush from defeat yesterday after an all-out lobbying campaign had won over enough Republicans to block the effort to override his veto.

The vote was 62 to 37 against Bush — four votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority to enact the law over Bush's objections. The house voted 390-25 on Wednesday against the veto.

The two votes thus left Bush with only 62 supporters among the 535 members of the house and Senate.

Proponents of an override had pictured the vote largely as a referendum on China's human rights and Bush's policies towards China.

Congress passed the bill last year in response to the bloody crackdown against pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing last June.

Bush said the measure was unnecessary because he had issued an executive order guaranteeing that none of the 40,000 Chinese students in the United States would be returned home against their will.

The president said he did not want to isolate China which had made a number of liberalising moves in recent months. If the bill became law, he said, China would end educational exchange programmes.

Shortly after the vote, Bush told reporters in the White House that the Senate vote was a move

toward "reaffirming our commitment to Chinese students in this country as well as the goal of improving relations with China."

Bush added: "No student is going to be sent back against his or her will" and that "we will continue to urge China to respect the human rights of its citizens."

Republicans were clearly uncomfortable in discussing human rights in China and several sought to give Bush the benefit of the doubt about US policies by pointing out that he had been an envoy to Beijing and stressing his knowledge of the country and its leaders.

Questioned about the votes, Bush brushed aside suggestions that his policies had been repudiated and indicated he believed the vote would help promote change in China.

"I think there's a trust factor (with China) that

hopefully will result in changes that are satisfactory to the American people and to me, a trust factor in the American administration," he said.

"I hope I can use that, having won this now, to further the kinds of things that I think will help move China forward."

But democratic Senator Edward Kennedy, who led the attack on Bush's policies, called the Senate vote "a victory for President Bush and the Chinese leadership that was responsible for Tiananmen Square. It was a defeat for human rights."

Late yesterday, Senate democratic leader George Mitchell announced the Senate will act next week on another bill relating to China policy. The measure contains limited economic sanctions against the Beijing government approved by a large majority last year over administration objections.



President Bush addresses a luncheon meeting of newspaper publishers at the White House. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Death for barons sought

### Bush urges Congress to boost drug war spending

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, (Agencies): President George Bush, declaring the war against drugs was his biggest challenge, wants Congress to provide \$10.6 billion for the anti-drug effort and authorise the death penalty for cocaine barons and their henchmen.

"I think it's the big one, and I think it's the test not for the administration, but for every community in the country, every state, every local government," Bush told a news conference yesterday when asked if the anti-drug campaign was the primary test of his government.

Drugs "remain this nation's number one concern," he said earlier in laying out the second phase of his national drug strategy at a White House lunch for newspaper publishers.

Drug policy advisor William Bennett said he was confident the United States would win the war against drugs.

"This is not mission impossible. People said this job was not doable, this mission not possible, the object not attainable. All of that is wrong. The object is attainable. This war is winnable. The scourge, in fact, I

Bush said he was willing to spend more and "do whatever it takes" to fight illegal drugs.

But he emphasised that the battle would be waged without increasing the budget deficit or raising taxes.

"His plan was considerably more modest than a proposal by Senate judiciary committee chairman Joseph Biden, who has proposed a \$14.6 billion government anti-drug package."

Last autumn, Congress overcame White House resistance and added about \$1.6 billion to Bush's call for \$7.9 billion in anti-drug money.

As far as any foreign involvement, the Bush proposal emphasised "any efforts would come only with the consent of nations in the region; a problem that surfaced recently when US warships steamed prematurely toward Colombia for joint interdiction efforts."

Bush's plan also set aside \$151 million for hiring more FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration agents, and recommended the designation of New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston and the southwest border as "high-intensity drug-trafficking areas" that would become eligible to divvy up a meager \$50 million.

The strategy proposed establishing a national drug intelligence centre for the first time, an idea that was postponed last year because of inter-agency squabbles over who would run it.

Judiciary committee sources pointed Wednesday to two key differences in the Bush and Biden approaches: the committee chairman wants to target hard-core users rather than casual ones and wants to cut off the flow of drugs through economic aid rather than military action.

Where the Bush plan called for \$206 million of increased military and law enforcement and limited economic aid to Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, Biden emphasised debt relief in exchange for crop substitution and development in the Andean nations and a narcotics free trade zone to end the economic dependence of those countries on the coca crop.

The Senator also swiped at the administration plan to seek an expanded death sentence for drug kingpins, even if they or their organisations are not directly involved in a murder, calling it a "simplistic answer ... (that) offers a slogan instead of a solution."

Under the Biden plan, hard-core users of drugs would have to voluntarily get treatment or go to jail and get treatment there.

A federal indictment released Wednesday charged three police officers and four other men with robbing more than \$1 million in cash, 110 pounds (50 kilograms) of cocaine and a tonne of marijuana from drug dealers.

believe, is beginning to end," Bennett said.

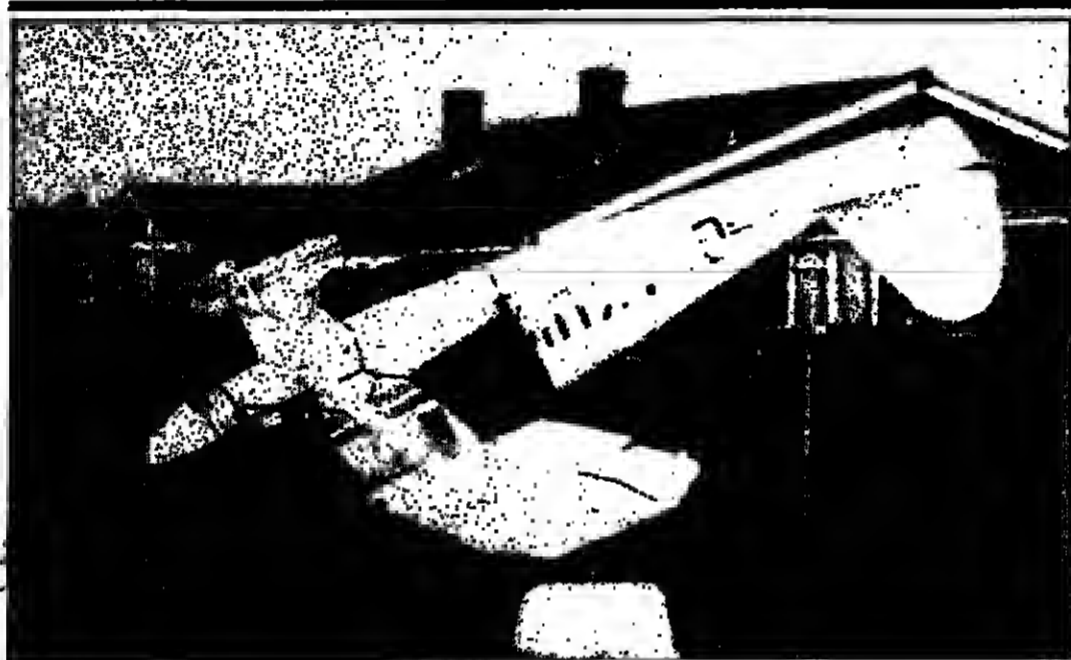
Bush asked Congress to boost anti-drug spending by more than \$1.1 billion to \$10.6 billion in the 1991 budget year beginning on Oct 1.

The package, a follow-up to a plan announced last Sept 5, would pay for new jails, more drug agents, expansion of drug treatment programmes and a stepped up military role in drug interdiction.

The proposal would boost anti-drug efforts by the armed forces by \$330 million to \$1.2 billion.

Defence officials said US warships and aircraft would increase patrols in the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific Ocean and that training aid to Latin American countries would be increased as part of the anti-drug effort.

Bush also asked Congress to approve the death sentence for major drug lords who try to kill in a bid to obstruct justice and for any drug felon who causes a death. Current law provides the death penalty only for drug lords who commit murder.



Plane flipped

UK pilots at a local airfield look at a small plane which flipped during hurricane-force winds. At least 54 people were killed when gales ripped across Britain and continental Europe, leaving a trail of death and destruction. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Amnesiac goes directly to jail:** An apparent amnesiac found himself behind bars Thursday after he remembered his name and asked the FBI to find out where he was from, only to learn he was wanted in Florida for allegedly making a bomb threat.

Michael Placko, 28, had attracted local media attention for his tale of bewilderment. Placko, who became known as "Tim Curry," had said he could not remember anything prior to when he woke up homeless in a Boston bus station in January 1988.

Placko had lived since October in a homeless shelter in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and his court-appointed attorney said he suddenly remembered his name on Tuesday. (UPI)

**Barry certainly a drug addict:** Medical experts on drug abuse believe Washington mayor Marion Barry is almost certainly a cocaine addict but say his celebrity and a coterie of aides made it easier for him to deny a problem.

"Marion Barry is clearly addicted," said Robert Dupont, a drug abuse expert and psychiatrist. "To use cocaine when the consequences are so severe, when he's being watched all the time and he knows it — only an addict would do that," said Dupont, a psychiatry professor at Georgetown University and former director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. (Reuters)

**Shawcross arraigned for murder:** A paroled child killer pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges he killed 10 women in the area over the past two years.

Arthur J. Shawcross, 44, entered his plea to 10 second-degree murder charges before Monroe county judge Donald G. Wisner as about a dozen relatives of the victims looked on.

Shawcross, who is being held without bond in the county jail in Rochester, pleaded innocent nearly two weeks ago in the death of an 11th woman in neighbouring Wayne county.

Wisner scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for March 26, or May 29 if attorneys are not ready by then. The hearing is expected to involve the admissibility of Shawcross' statements to police. (AP)

**Police officer gets seven-year sentence:** A Colombian-born police officer, convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of two black men in a racially charged case, was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in state prison.

William Lozano, 31, who remained stern-faced throughout his day-long sentencing hearing, listened impassively as circuit judge Joseph Farina imposed the sentence. (AP)

## Bitten off Eve's revenge

CLEVELAND, Jan. 26, (UPI): A woman allegedly raped last year by a Cleveland man said yesterday she bit off his testicles because he forced her to perform oral sex upon him.

The testimony of the 27-year-old woman came in the second day of the trial of Alphonso Calhoun in Cuyahoga County common pleas court.

Calhoun is charged with raping and robbing the woman during a crack cocaine-smoking party on the city's East Side last July 22. Jury deliberations were expected to start today.

Under questioning yesterday by assistant county prosecutor Carmen Marino, the woman said Calhoun forced her to perform oral sex upon him four times.

"When he asked me to do a fifth time, I was afraid he was going to kill me and that's when I did it (bit them off)," she said.

Calhoun claimed the woman consented to sex and said she robbed him of cocaine and \$150 he carried in a pouch in his crotch.

**Black widow escapes from execution:** A woman known as the "Black widow" was granted a reprieve from the Florida state Supreme Court on Wednesday, less than 20 hours before she was to die in the electric chair.

Judi Buenoana, 46, who got her nickname from prosecutors, was condemned for the fatal poisoning of her husband 19 years ago. Air Force Sgt James E. Goodyear was murdered soon after he returned from service in Vietnam. (AP)

**New trial ordered in reporter's death:** A judge has ordered a new murder trial for a former plumber charged with setting off the remote-controlled car bomb that killed an investigative reporter for the Arizona Republic newspaper in 1976.

James Robison, 67, who is in prison on an unrelated assault charge, was scheduled for arraignment Feb 2 after Superior Court Judge Thomas O'Toole ordered him Tuesday to stand trial.

Robison and Max Dunlap were found guilty in 1977 in the killing of Don Bolles, but their convictions were overturned in 1980 because the defense wasn't allowed to question a witness adequately. Dunlap has not been charged again. (AP)



Brandley freed

Charles Brandley, a former death row inmate who was imprisoned for 13 years, is freed by prison officials. An appeals court overturned his conviction on grounds that it was tainted by racism. Brandley was convicted after a hearing in 1976 that was held in a courtroom behind a school in 1981. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Keep dad in jail, says son

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26, (Reuters): As the man who set his six-year-old son on fire left a California prison Wednesday, the horribly disfigured boy said his father should be kept in prison for the rest of his life.

"I would like them to keep him in jail for the rest of his life," said David Rothenberg who was burnt over 90 per cent of his body seven years ago when his father poured paraffin oil all over him and set him ablaze in a bitter custody fight with his wife.

"I think he's a sick man. I can't think why he did this to me. He doesn't love me. If he did he wouldn't do this to me," he told a news conference. "If he wants forgiveness, why did he do this to me?"

Asked if he knew where his father was being paroled to, David replied, "I don't want to know where my father is."

He said he had agreed to hold the news conference in the Buena park, California, police headquarters where his stepfather is a lieutenant because, "I want it to be known nationally I don't ever want to see my father again. I want him to know."

Asked what he would do if he knew his father was nearby, he said, "I would stay in my home if I was told by a parole officer my father was on the loose."

Charles Rothenberg's walk to freedom was cloaked in secrecy. The 49-year-old inmate was released shortly after midnight from an unknown jail in the custody of two parole officers who will guard him 24 hours a day for three years.

Rothenberg has been barred from Orange county, the southern California community where David lives with his mother and stepfather. He is also barred from trying to contact his son, who is now 13 and has undergone more than 100 skin grafts to the burns that covered his face and body.

On March 3, 1983, after a telephone argument with his divorced wife over David's custody, Rothenberg poured paraffin on the bed where the boy was sleeping and set fire to it.

He was convicted of attempted murder and arson and sentenced to 13 years in jail, but served just half of the sentence after earning time off for good behaviour.

## Bush's son in trouble

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, (Reuters): The regulator of the US savings industry, rocked by a major scandal last year, will take administrative action against President George Bush's son, Neil, charging conflict of interests in decisions made as a director of a failed savings institution in Colorado.

The office of thrift supervision said it would seek a cease and desist order against Bush, a former director of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association in Denver, Colorado, which was seized by the government in December 1988.

## Top Chinese model seeking to defect, disappears in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Jan. 26, (AP): One of China's top models has disappeared in Hong Kong after the rest of a troupe of models returned to China, a trade official said yesterday.

The model, 22-year-old Zhu Pei, did not return home with a group of nine other Chinese models who came to Hong Kong for a fashion show which ended on Saturday, said the trade official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Sing Tao evening news reported

that Zhu was romantically involved with an unidentified Hong Kong actor and she was seen leaving the catwalk with him one day.

The trade official said Zhu was believed to be seeking asylum but her whereabouts were not known. A government source said he had no knowledge that any asylum request had been made.

An official at the Beijing-run China Council for Promotion of International Trade, which was responsible for the

models, said he "wasn't clear" about Zhu's case.

Zhu is an award-winning model from Beijing and has worked abroad and in Hong Kong regularly.

In October, Chinese national swimmer, Yang Yang, requested asylum in Hong Kong because he said he had participated in pro-democracy protests in China. Yang said he was afraid of persecution in China following the June 4 crackdown on a movement for democracy.

Hong Kong immigration authorities had arrested Yang for overstaying his visa in the territory but delayed returning him to China while he found a country willing to take him.

Yang went to the United States but has recently settled in Taiwan where he said he hopes to swim for the national team.

China criticised Hong Kong for the incident and for 16 days refused to accept the return of illegal Chinese aliens caught sneaking into the colony.

## Rough ride for China's horse

### Soothsayers predict

HONG KONG, Jan. 26, (Reuters): China will teeter on the brink of civil war, the United States and Japanese currencies will fluctuate wildly and Hong Kong people must wear white this summer — at least that's what the soothsayers predict for the year of the horse.

The horse, which takes over from the snake on the Chinese lunar new year's day on Jan 27, will be a rough ride but will handsomely reward anyone who is able to take the calculated risk.

Calculations and risks are familiar to Hong Kong's gambling-mad Chinese population, but the writings of the British colony's soothsayers kept in popularity this year following Beijing's crackdown on the pro-democracy movement last June.

"I used to avoid talking about politics, but after June 4 people changed the way they think and they really want to know what will happen," writes Lam Kwok-Hung, who credits himself with predicting the military crackdown in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

The horse comes seventh in the Chinese zodiac of 12, each with different characteristics and a different animal as its symbol.

The Chinese believe the horse signifies speed, strength and vitality.

About one US dollar will purchase a red booklet sporting a dashing photograph of fortune-teller Lam.

Inside are specific instructions on how to get through the year of the horse without annoying the spirits and demons.

Hong Kong residents wondering if they should joint a steady stream of people trying to leave before the colony is handed back to China in 1997 can be told if and when they should emigrate or whether it is worth hanging on.

Lam says they should wait, arguing that by 1993 China will be embroiled in a civil war between the north and the south.

"So there is no need to emigrate and become third class citizens abroad because when fighting breaks out, Hong Kong will become more important to China and China will then ask Britain to administer Hong Kong for another 30 years," Lam says confidently.

And hard-working negotiators who have been trying to hammer out the details of Hong Kong's future political system may as well take early retirement.

"Hong Kong's political prospects are not good because there will be no major breakthrough in diplomatic talks," says another fortune-teller Lee Kui Ming. He adds Hong Kong will nonetheless escape enormous disaster as long as its citizens take adequate precautions.

"I hope people will wear white clothes during the summer to reduce the violent atmosphere which will prevail then," he writes.

Many predict that thousands will take to the streets again this summer as they did last year in support of the democracy movement in China.

"In the ninth month (Oct 18 to Nov 16) democratic pioneers will come out again and shout loudly their slogans, endangering relations between China and Hong Kong," writes Lam Chan.

"I warn those democracy activists in Hong Kong to control themselves and not to provoke China," the sage adds.

Unlike their Western counterparts who might cater more to lonely hearts, the Hong Kong Chinese soothsayers give financial advice.

"This year is not good for speculation so keep away from buying gold and stocks and avoid the foreign exchange market," says one.

Lam Chan adds investment but adds that some smaller companies on Hong Kong's Stock Exchange will collapse.

"They will not be a good buy, even if they appear sound."

Huge foreign currency fluctuations are predicted in May and June as well as December and January.

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# British court drama over Pamela and playboy editors

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): A courtroom drama over "playboy editors" and a former Miss India described as a "sexy adventuress" has gripped Britain's popular press and raised questions over manners and morals in the media.

In the latest turn of a long-running sex scandal that millions of Britons are following more closely than a soap opera, the editor of the heavyweight Sunday Times sued one fellow editor for libel and said another was a rival in love.

At the heart of the case is Pamela Bordas, a 27-year-old one-time beauty queen and former House

of Commons researcher accused by some British newspapers of being a call-girl and a security risk. She has denied the allegations.

The Sunday Times editor Andrew Neil, a 40-year-old bachelor, admits to having had a four-month affair with Bordas in 1988.

During that time, he told London's high court on Wednesday, editor Donald Treford of the Observer — another serious, leading Sunday newspaper — unsuccessfully vied for her favours.

"Rivals for the hand of a lady," the London Evening Standard's frontpage headline exclaimed.

The mass-selling Sun newspaper viewed it slightly differently: "Dirty don tried to pull my pen says Randy Andy," it trumpeted the next day.

In March last year, the muck-raking Sunday Newspaper News of the World sensationally alleged Bordas was a prostitute who had offered sex to a reporter for £500 (\$800).

She briefly went into hiding in Bali, before being tracked down by British tabloid newspaper reporters.

It was all too much for the August and disappearing Peregrine Worsthorpe, then editor of the

ultra-conservative Sunday Telegraph.

In a signed leading article headed "playboys as editors," Worsthorpe, 66, took Neil and Treford to task for conduct unbecoming of their grand office.

Neil sued Worsthorpe and the Sunday Telegraph, saying they had implied he knew Bordas was a prostitute during his affair with her.

Worsthorpe, now the paper's review editor, denies Neil's interpretation and says his article was fair comment.

Taking the witness stand in his own defence on

Thursday, he decreed that editors of great newspapers should be serious men who did not frequent "café society" and did not adopt "the morality of a pop star."

Asked to define "café society," Worsthorpe told the jury he had in mind a social circle "where one would be unlikely to run into the governor of the Bank of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the prime minister or even an archbishop."

Noting that Bordas had approached Neil in a popular London nightclub and given him her telephone number, Worsthorpe said Neil should have

realised she was "a gold-digging adventuress" and "not have touched her with a bargepole."

Worsthorpe said both Neil and Treford had been imprudent to be photographed publicly holding hands with Bordas and "lived lives which could be appropriately described as playboy."

The relationship between Neil and Bordas, he added, was "an imprudent infatuation by a public man for an extremely sensuous and voluptuous girl whose charms he was unable to resist."

## Ferry sinking

### Seven to face trial

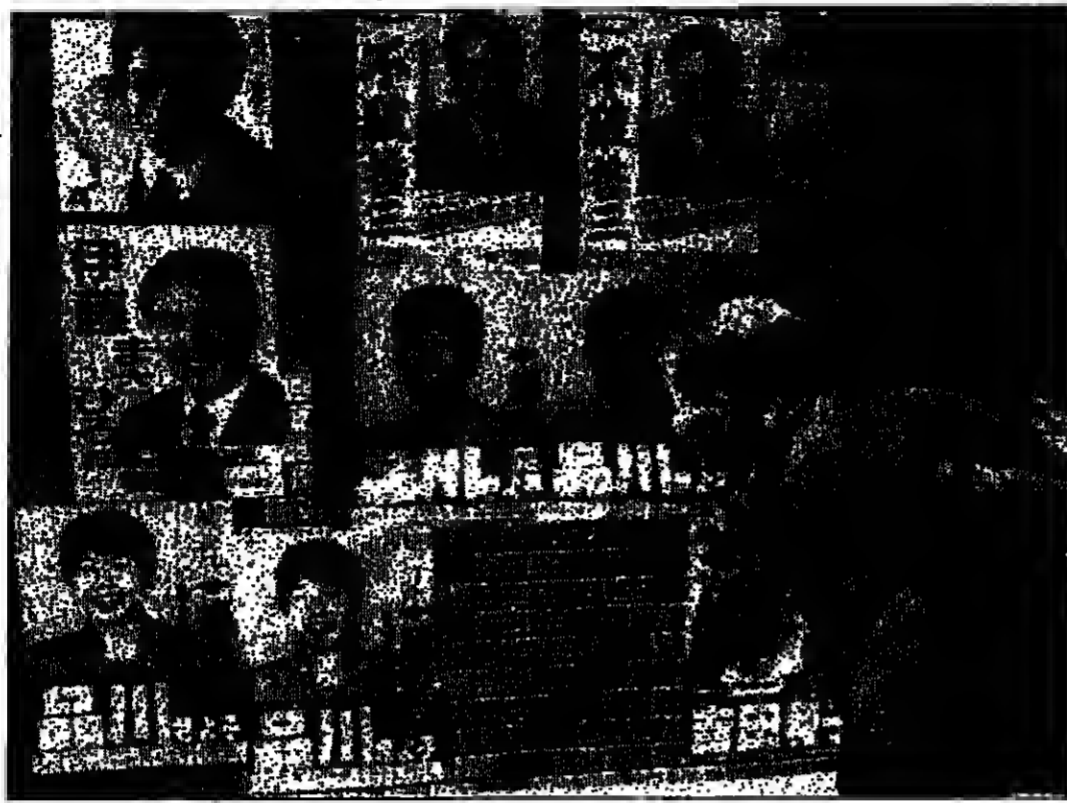
LONDON, Jan 26, (AP): P-and-O European ferries and seven former directors and seamen must face trial on manslaughter charges in connection with the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry disaster, a magistrate ruled yesterday.

Magistrate Sir David Hopkin did not set a date for the trial, but British Broadcasting Corp. television reported that it would likely begin in the autumn.

The charges stem from the deaths of 193 people on March 6, 1987 when the ferry sank at the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Also facing charges are Jeffrey Develin, a director and chief superintendent of the company's marine department; John Alexander, the deputy chief superintendent; technical director Wallace Ayres; John Kirby, the ferry's senior master; David Lewry, the master at the time of the disaster; first officer Leslie Sable and assistant bosun Mark Stanley.

The summonses against the company and the seven defendants accuse them of the manslaughter of four people; passenger Alison Gaillard and Martin Spooner and crew members Richard Barnard and Maria Richards.



Campaign posters

An aged woman gazes at campaign posters of election candidates covering up a wall on a Tokyo street. The Japanese cabinet dissolved the lower house of parliament and called Feb 18 general

elections which will face the ruling Liberal Democratic Party with its toughest test in its 34-year reign. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Ceausescu aides accused of killings

Iliescu appeals for unity, defends govt

BUCHAREST, Jan 26, (Agencies): The first public trial of leading associates of deposed Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu begins tomorrow with four aides accused of complicity in genocide.

The charge carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Romania has abolished the death penalty since the Christmas Day execution of Ceausescu and his wife Elena.

Television will cover the hearing in a live relay for millions of

Romanians, but doubts are already emerging over the true number of deaths in the December revolution.

Some reports say the death toll, once put at 10,000, could be scaled down to under 1,000.

In the western town of Timisoara, where anti-government protests sparked the revolt, a doctor says some of the purported victims in mass graves had died earlier and their bodies were taken from mortuaries.

The four aides — former interior minister Tudor Postelnicu and Communist Party executive members Ion Dinca, Emil Bobu and Manea Manescu — are the first top Ceausescu henchmen to be tried since the dictator was overthrown.

"They face a single charge of complicity in genocide," Gheorghe Robu, Romania's chief prosecutor told Reuters. "They took part in, and supported, Ceausescu's orders for security forces to shoot at hundreds of thousands of demonstrators who were demanding an end to his dictatorship," he said.

"Under the Romanian legal system this is considered to be an act of genocide," he added.

Romanian Vice-President Dumitru Mazilu handed in his resignation today, accusing the ruling National Salvation Front (NSF) of using Stalinist methods, the official news agency Romsprea reported.

"I hereby hand in my resignation from this position, which, as I have mentioned from the first day, I did not desire," he said.

New Foreign Trade Minister Nicolae Nicolae also has quit the official Romsprea news agency reported.

Meanwhile, Interim President Ion Iliescu has lashed out at critics of the provisional government for its decision to take part in May elections and warned against any rebellion by the ethnic Hungarian minority.

In a national televised address, Iliescu denied that the National Salvation Front, which has ruled since a revolt toppled Ceausescu on Dec 22, had ever said it would not participate in free elections.

"It would have been absurd.... for the Front, as the engine of national stabilisation and recovery, not to participate in the elections," Iliescu said in a speech yesterday, according to the Romsprea news agency.

The elections are set for May 20.

Iliescu accused three revived parties that dominated the country's pre-World War II politics of irresponsibility in demanding that the Front cease governing if it plans to contest the elections.

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## Coalition partners threaten to quit

### Berlin crisis deepens

EAST BERLIN, Jan 26, (Agencies): East Germany's government crisis deepened today as a second religious coalition partner said it would seek immediate elections if opposition groups were not given a share of power quickly.

The threat by the Farmers' Party (DBD), formerly a tame communist satellite, followed a walkout yesterday by the Christian Democrats (CDU).

It looked certain to force Prime Minister Hans Modrow into a corner in talks on conditions for forming an emergency grand coalition with the opposition.

DBD spokesman Michael Koplanski said it would move to dissolve Parliament and have the elections advanced to the earliest possible date if Modrow did not negotiate a grand coalition quickly.

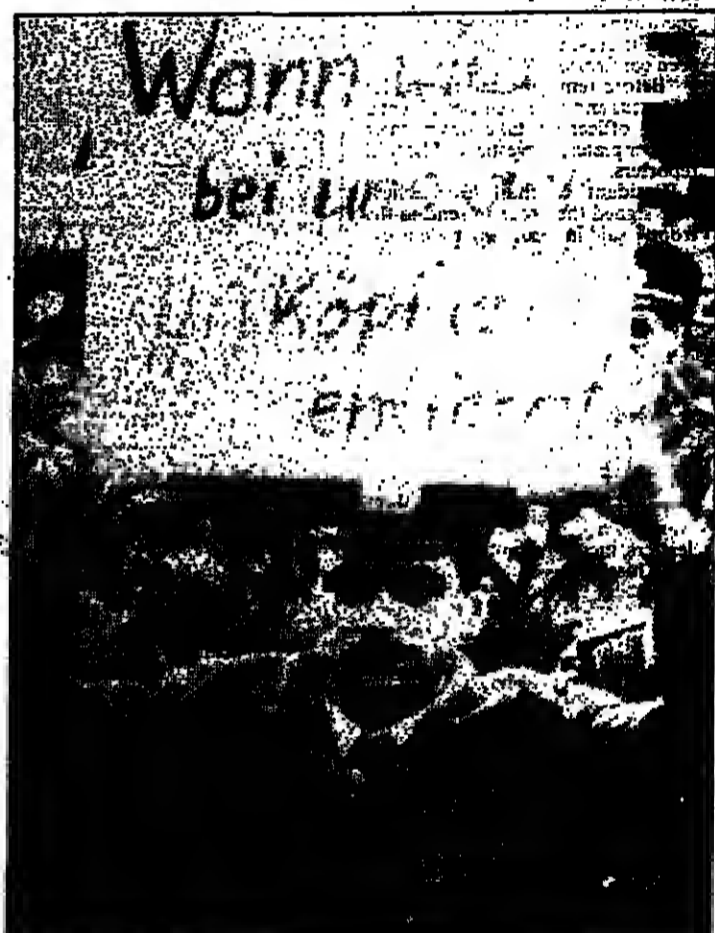
Modrow yesterday denied reports that he had accepted an opposition demand that he jettison his party hosts in exchange for support. But with rebellion spreading in his coalition, big concessions to the opposition looked imminent.

As anti-communist warning strikes and demonstrations spread, the CDU decided to leave the government in a bid to push Modrow into agreeing opposition terms for a grand coalition. The three CDU cabinet ministers will quit by February 8.

Opposition leaders met today to discuss terms for joining such a coalition, viewed as the only way to avert a breakdown in state authority that could imperil East Germany's first free elections on May 6.

In exchange for boarding the ship of state, the opposition is expected to demand Modrow's temporary release from party obligations and possibly the removal of all 15 communist ministers in the 27-member cabinet.

The other two small parties allied with Modrow, the Liberal Democrats (LDPD) and



An East German policeman asks on his sign during a demonstration in Leipzig: when will the stupid with us be kicked out?

National Democrats (NDPD), opted at crisis meetings today to stay in the government for now.

But both said they would reconsider if talks on a grand coalition failed.

The DBD's Koplanski told reporters his party saw no reason to leave the coalition like the CDU. But the fact that DBD holds the parliamentary presidency gives the threat real force.

"The GDR (East Germany) is in an emergency. Entire cities and communities are already ungovernable," Koplanski said.

Government in East Germany

has begun to break down with mass defections from communist ranks and calls by provincial party chiefs from abolition of the movement.

The commitments wielded absolute power for 40 years until the party's Stalinist elite, now exposed as corrupt and incompetent, was deposed by a popular uprising last autumn.

West German authorities on Wednesday announced the arrest of an East German who was allegedly trying to recruit students for East Germany's intelligence service.

## Hectic moves in Sofia

### Rifts widening

SOBIA, Jan 26, (AP): Parliament abruptly broke off a session yesterday after conservatives blocked several reform measures, and the Communist Party's policy-setting Central Committee met in a hastily called session, the official BTA news agency said.

Parliament had been due to meet until Friday and act on urgently needed economic reforms, but BTA said the session would not resume until Feb 8.

The Communist Party is due to hold a crucial national conference in five days, said the special Central Committee meeting fueled speculation of widening rifts between reformers and conservatives.

The conference could lead to the expulsion of holdovers from the era of hard-line former communist chief Todor Zhivkov.

Zhivkov, who is under arrest for abuse of office during 35 years in power, was ousted Nov 10 and replaced by his former Foreign Minister Petar Mladenov, who took over as party chief and president.

Mladenov has pledged to hold multi-party elections by May, but opposition groups currently holding roundtable talks with the communists on power sharing and a new election law have charged that the ruling party seeks to keep control in Bulgaria.

Sources said the Central Committee was to discuss Mladenov's keynote speech to the Congress and other documents due to be voted on at the gathering.

## 'Slovenia will not secede'

BELGRADE, Jan 26, (Reuters): The leader of Slovenia's anti-communist opposition dismissed charges from rival Serbia of secessionist plots and said today his westernised republic did not want to break away from Yugoslavia.

"We in the associated opposition do not wish to secede from Yugoslavia," Jozse Pucnik, head of the Democratic Opposition of Slovenia (Demos), told the weekly news magazine NIN.

"I think Slovenia has no intention of going anywhere outside this country quite simply because it has nowhere to go," he added. "Even if we wanted to, we could not leave this geographic and historical region. It is our fate."

Pucnik's comments came amid persistent Serbian charges that Slovenia wanted to secede and planned to break up the Balkan federation of eight republics and provinces.

Slovenian delegates walked out of a Yugoslav communist party congress on Monday after being voted down on issues advocating human rights, a pro-Western European stance and a restructuring of the Yugoslav federation.

The Slovenes were also out-voted on their proposal to split the party into eight regional branches with each enjoying almost complete autonomy.

## US, UK differ on boat people

GENEVA, Jan 26, (AP): A 30-nation meeting broke up in disarray late Wednesday after US officials insisted no one should be forcibly returned to Vietnam before Jan 1, 1991, thereby blocking consensus on a proposed starting date of next July 1.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees had proposed the six-month suspension of mandatory repatriations as a half-way compromise between US demands and Britain's arguments that deportations should begin immediately to deter another mass influx of boat people into chronically overcrowded Hong Kong.

The new UNHCR chief has been finding a solution to the deadlock between the United States and Britain over the emotional issue of sending back tens of thousands of boat people to Vietnam against their will.

Thorvald Stoltenberg, a former Norwegian foreign minister, has been given the task of negotiating directly with Washington and London in an attempt to salvage agreement on a starting date for the mandatory repatriation of Vietnamese who do not qualify for refugee status.

"There is no objective justification for a delay in mandatory repatriation. But in the interests of consensus we were prepared to agree on a (six-month) moratorium," said Robin McLaren, the head of the British delegation.

Although the two-day meeting ended without agreement because of the difficulties on timing, it marked the first time that a measure of international consensus had been reached that Vietnamese deemed to have fled economic want rather than political persecution should be returned to their homeland even against their will.

"We do have agreement on mandatory repatriation. What we don't have is a date," McLaren told journalists.

US officials, relaxing the outright opposition to forced repatriations, told the meeting they would not block international consensus to the forcible return of economic migrants, according to sources present at closed session.

For the first time at an international gathering Vietnam also agreed to take back thousands of its former countrymen and women returned against their will as part of a UN-supported programme.

Two Vietnamese men slashed themselves in the stomach Thursday at a detention centre for boat people in what a witness said was a protest against the policy of forced repatriation.

## Kaifu hopes a bare majority

Abe predicts close race

TOKYO, Jan 26, (Agencies): Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) should scrape home in the February 18 general elections but its majority could be wafer-thin, according to Japanese political analysts.

Most pollsters surveyed by Reuters said if the LDP did maintain a narrow edge in the lower house, it would be essentially due to opposition divisions rather than because of voter confidence in its policies.

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and other senior LDP leaders acknowledged the best they can hope for is to retain a bare majority of 257 seats in the 512-member lower house.

Kaifu, who dissolved the chamber of Wednesday, four months before its four-year term expired, has little personally to look forward to in the next few weeks.

The prime minister has a very weak foothold in the LDP leadership, and is widely seen as a lame duck. While he toured Europe earlier this month in hopes of boosting his image, senior party bosses back home took major decisions without him over bills, foreign policy and the political calendar.

Analysts agree this election is not about whether the six-month-old Kaifu cabinet survives for a while. "There are more important issues than Kaifu's fate. The voters all know why he was chosen," said Tokyo University Professor Takashi Inoguchi.

The little-known Kaifu was widely seen merely as a pinch-hitter when he took over from Sosuke Uno, the prime minister best remembered for his affair with a geisha.

All other qualified LDP leaders were sidelined because they were tainted by the recruit shares-for-favours scandal.

"This was to have been a crucial election to see if the tables would turn against the conservative camp," a leading political commentator, Soichiro Tabara, said.

"But the opposition parties threw their chances away by dragging their feet on coalition talks," he said.

The main opposition Japan Socialist Party, the Centrist

Democratic Socialist Party and the Buddhist-backed Komeito have failed to cement an alliance after almost a year of negotiations and are not fielding candidates under a coalition banner.

Nevertheless, analysts said because of lingering voter mistrust over an unpopular sales tax, the recruit scandal and plans to open farm trade to imports — the three main reasons for the party's historic defeat last July in the upper house elections.

Even if the LDP fell a little short of the 257-seat simple majority, the analysts said, it could yet retain control of the chamber of recruiting conservative independents.

"It could be a very delicate situation after the polls close," said election consultant Takayoshi Miyagawa. The LDP could become hostage to the will of a tiny group of independents.

Former Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, 65, the favourite to become Japan's next prime minister, admitted today the ruling Conservative Party is in a do-or-die fight for a survival with a 60-40 chance of beating the Socialist Party in next month's general election.

"If the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) loses the election, the socialists will take over power. It's quite possible," Abe said in an interview with United Press International at the headquarters of his powerful party faction.

"I think there is a 60-40 chance that the LDP will win," he said.

Abe said even if the ruling party is able to retain its 35-year grip on power, it may seek an unprecedented coalition with opposition parties to solidify its rule.

"It is sure that we will be the single largest party after the election," he said. "And then it is our responsibility to stabilize the political situation in Japan."

All the analysts polled said the election outcome this time was particularly difficult to predict because of changing voter attitudes.

In the wake of last year's historic upper house upset, voters were showing stronger-than-average interest in the coming election.

## Cambodia assembly to debate future

PHNOM PENH, Jan 26, (Reuters): Members of Cambodia's national assembly, scheduled to meet today, are at odds over the country's political future in the face of renewed moves towards peace, officials and diplomats said yesterday.

They said the assembly would consider a proposal to follow East European states and end the monopoly on power of the communist Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party (KPRP).

The assembly, still little more than a rubber stamp for the party, will also consider whether to go ahead with elections due by May next year.

The elections would exclude the Khmer Rouge and the two non-communist guerrilla groups now fighting to oust the Phnom Penh government.

"They need to clear the road for a political solution," one East European diplomat said. "The issue is whether to have democracy now or to delay it."

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# Troops sent to smash Front

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ing newspaper Izvestia in an interview in Baku. Yarov's statements contrasted with those of officials who recognized the importance of the Popular Front and said dialogue and co-operation with its moderate leaders was vital to solving the region's problems.

Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin, whose troops make up the bulk of those sent to Transcaucasia, was quoted as saying that co-operation with the Front was essential to reduce tension.

The official media have acknowledged the front's mass following. The daily Gudok said today the Front was exercising full control in Gyandzha, Azerbaijan's second city.

Publication of Yarov's statement coincided with a report by the official news agency Tass that leaders of "terrorist groups" had been arrested today throughout Azerbaijan.

Yarov said the Front had supplanted Communist Party and government bodies in many parts of the republic.

Front officials, he said, had planned a public meeting last Saturday — the day the troops moved in — to announce power was now in their hands.

Yarov appeared to acknowledge that he had personally directed operations as troops moved into the city. His presence in Baku had never been confirmed.

"Before removing the barricades (of trucks and other vehicles), I sent a traffic officer to take down their number plates," Izvestia said he told reporters.

President Mikhail Gorbachev, who signed the order to send in the troops, said in a country-wide television broadcast last week that the Front sought power.

He dismissed as unacceptable a week of violence preceding the deployment of troops — directed mainly at minority Armenians. He said the Kremlin's action was necessary "to restore law and order and secure people's personal safety."

The parliamentarians, members of the radical inter-regional group, said the decision to send in troops and impose a state of emergency in Baku was taken by a restricted group of leaders, including Gorbachev.

"This way of taking decisions places in the same category the decisions to send troops to Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan, Hungary and now Baku," historian Yuri Afanasyev said.

"It is important for the Parliament to meet and take all necessary measures so that this colossal danger from the south not cast doubt on all matters connected with the deep transformation in our country."

Afanasyev said the parliamentarians had apparently persuaded Soviet first Vice-President Anatoly Lukyanov at a meeting this week that authorities had to negotiate with the Popular Front.

He also said Lukyanov told the group this week that military experts had advised the Kremlin that 40,000 troops would be required to enforce a state of emergency in Baku.

But parliamentarians, he said, had not been told how many had in fact been deployed.

A ceasefire, brokered by the Red Army between warring nationalists, took hold today between Armenia and Azerbaijan. But Azerbaijanis said an armed group stormed their mission in Moscow and seized a prisoner, Tass said.

There were at least two more armed clashes elsewhere today in Azerbaijan, where majority Muslim Azerbaijanis are battling minority Christian Armenians. The Azerbaijan railroad was still at a standstill — blocked by Azeri militants, the official agency said.

Tass said that in Moscow last night, a group of 12 to 15 men, some wearing armoured vests, helmets and armed with submachine guns, burst into the Azerbaijan mission. The group, which was not identified, locked the Azerbaijan representatives into a room and searched the building. They then left, Tass said.

"We felt like hostages," Larisa Levchenko, a legislator in Azerbaijan's Supreme Soviet.

The Azerbaijan representatives told Tass that early today, the attack was repeated after the KGB investigators of the initial rally left.

This time, the attackers stuffed the Azerbaijanis into cars, drove them away, then let all of them go except Enikhar Mamedov, one of the leaders of the republic's Popular Front.

Tass and Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov later said Mamedov, 33, was arrested in Moscow after he had arrived from Baku. He was seized on suspicion of trying to organise Azerbaijan activists groups and preparing anti-state acts.

Observers could not piece together the purported sequence of events.

Lev Belyandsky, deputy chief of the Interior Ministry of Moscow, confirmed the attacks during a news conference and said an investigation was underway.

A senior Iranian cleric said today Iran should meet spiritual needs of Soviet Azeris before the West spread "American Islam" among them.

"There is now a great market for introduction of Islam," Ayatollah Abdolkarim Mousavi Ardebili, a former chief justice, told worshippers at Tehran's mass Friday prayer meeting.

"If we show complacency, the West will fill the vacuum (with) Western diplomacy, American morals or even American economy," he said.

# People rejoice as Benazir gives birth to girl

## Baby and mother fine

KARACHI, Jan 26, (Agencies): Ecstatic Pakistanis danced in the streets yesterday after Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto became the world's first head of government to give birth while in office.

"It is a day of celebrations," said Manawwar Suhrawardy, Benazir's personal security guard, as he handed out sweets — a traditional gesture of celebration — after she delivered a baby girl by Caesarean section.

"The baby and her mother are fine," a spokeswoman for Lady Dufferin Women's Hospital in Karachi said.

The yet to be named baby, weighed about seven-and-a-half pounds (3.4 kg), according to hospital source. Benazir's first child, her son Bilwal, was also born by Caesarean.

As news of the birth spread through Pakistan's largest city, Benazir's political supporters poured onto the streets with flutes, bugles and drums to dance in celebration.

Throughout the day bouquets of flowers were delivered to the heavily guarded hospital where the 36-year-old prime minister was recovering.

Benazir's husband, Asif Zardari, was not immediately available for comment, but a spokes-

man at the Bhutto family mansion in Parahi's exclusive Clifton area said: "We are receiving hundreds of phone calls from well-wishers."

The likely birth date was one of Pakistan's best kept secrets and even Benazir's closest advisers said they did not know when it would take place.

It came on the eve of an opposition rally in Karachi.

She fooled her opponents in 1988 when many believed the late president Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq chose to call elections for November so they would coincide with the birth of her first child.

Zia died in an unexplained plane crash a month before she gave birth to Bilawal on Sept 21. She was back on the hustings within days.

Two months later she led the Pakistan People's Party to victory and became the Muslim world's first woman leader.

Government sources said they expected Benazir to take at least 10 days to recover this time and get back to tackling some difficult problems facing her government.

The most pressing, a Western diplomat said, was to defuse the diplomatic crisis that has



Benazir Bhutto

blown up with India over the Muslim uprising in Kashmir. India has repeatedly accused Pakistan of giving arms and training to anti-Indian militants. Pakistan denies the charge,

but the public rhetoric between the two countries has seriously damaged relations and could jeopardise the rapprochement that began when Benazir took power.



Pakistanis dance outside the hospital where Benazir delivered a baby girl. (Reuters wirephoto)

Domestically she faces some knotty problems, not least the need to inject a sense of direction into her administration to counter an overwhelming sense of drift, analysts say.

"She has been busy all the time. Even yesterday she met several political delegations."

The 175-bed Dufferin hospital "is basically for poor people, although we have a private wing

with 15 beds," he said.

"She has always identified with the common people."

Zardari kissed and cuddled his baby, then bent his head and recited the Azan in the ears.

# Show of might on Indian Republic Day

## President condemns terrorism, calls for dialogue

NEW DELHI, Jan 26, (UPI): India displayed some of its newest and most sophisticated military hardware today in a spectacular Republic Day parade commemorating the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian constitution.

In New Delhi, more than 100,000 spectators lined city streets to witness the colourful, two-hour-long procession that began with four MI-17 helicopters dropping rose petals over the crowd.

Flycatcher radar, anti-tank guided missiles capable of destroying targets at a range of 1.2 miles (2 km), and a multi-channel communication system called Troposcatter were among the new weapons seen for

the first time in public.

Also included in the procession were anti-aircraft guns, T-55 tanks, missile-equipped combat vehicles, and two fighter planes — the Jaguar and the MiG-27.

India has the world's fourth largest army with about nine million men under arms and it manufactures about 80 per cent of its own weapons.

Apart from the military display, the crowd was entertained by bagpipers, cultural floats, elephants and a brass band mounted on camels.



Kashmir protest

Protesters in Azad Kashmir capital burn an effigy of Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh during protests against the killing of Muslims in Indian-controlled Kashmir. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Surrender arms

## Lanka politicians told

COLOMBO, Jan 26, (AP): The Sri Lankan government, trying to halt the violence wracking this island nation, on Thursday ordered politicians to surrender their state-issued weapons by Feb 1.

Defence Secretary Sepala Attiyagalle estimated that compliance with the order would net about 10,000 weapons ranging from revolvers to semi-automatic rifles.

Under the edict, all candidates who ran in last year's elections for Parliament must turn in their government-owned guns, regardless of whether they won or lost. The candidates were issued guns for their own self-protection.

The bodyguards of national and provincial legislators also must surrender what Attiyagalle called "excess" weapons.

The former army commander did not elaborate, except to say it was obvious that some government firearms had fallen into the wrong hands.

Neither Attiyagalle nor a circular sent to politicians said what would happen if the weapons were not returned by the deadline.

Opposition politicians and local and international human rights groups, including Amnesty International, have criticised the government's failure to stop death squads from killing people whom the government describes as suspected Sinhalese extremists.

# Jury acquits father of killing son

LOS ANGELES, Jan 26, (Reuters): A doctor accused of killing his 11-year-old son and cutting the body into more than 200 pieces before dumping them in a rubbish bin, was acquitted on Wednesday.

A jury in Los Angeles found gynaecologist Khalid Parwez, a native of Pakistan, not guilty of murdering his son Rabeel. The jury had deliberated the case for one month.

Parwez, 40, who had been jailed in lieu of \$8 million bail since his arrest, was expected to be freed later.

Prosecutors said Parwez strangled his son, the subject of a custody dispute with his estranged wife, on Nov 17, 1987, and cut the body into more than 200 pieces.

Venkataraman said there are no aspirations, which cannot be met, an anxieties which cannot be allayed, no hurts which cannot be healed, by dialogue. An honest desire to understand the other's feeling can unlock closed hearts and thaw frozen minds, the President was apparently referring to violence in Punjab and Kashmir.

The President also called on political parties to eschew electoral malpractices during the coming state assembly elections. While congratulating the people for the disciplined exercise of the democratic rights in the November parliamentary election, Venkataraman said there are few societies in the world which can match the Indians in maturity with which they exercised their franchise.

He said in a healthy democracy both the ruling and opposition have a responsibility to the country and surely the people will judge them by discharge of their responsibility.

# Dhaka Parliament to curb supreme court powers

DHAKA, Jan 26, (Reuters): The Bangladesh Parliament appears headed for a clash with the country's judiciary over the powers of the Supreme Court to overturn of constitutional amendment.

The Parliament set up a 23-man committee last night to recommend ways to prevent the Supreme Court from questioning its authority to amend the constitution.

The committee was formed after two days of debate on a Supreme Court order last September that threw out a constitutional amendment for setting up six more high courts across the country.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad set up six high courts in addition to the one in Dhaka soon after he took power in a coup in March, 1982.

In June, 1988, the Parliament passed an amendment to the constitution that legalised Ershad's step.

The Supreme Court ruled in a 3-1 judgment that the amendment passed by Parliament was out of line with the country's constitution, which prescribes that the country should have only one high court.

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the formation of the committee, said its recommendations would help the Parliament to safeguard its sovereignty.

"It will help us to clip the wings of the judiciary so that it no longer undermines the authority of a sovereign Parliament," he said.

Senior lawyers in Dhaka immediately protested at Ahmed's remarks, saying they amounted to contempt of court.

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## Friends:

"ON the eve of the 41st Republic Day, I offer my greetings to all our nationals living in India and abroad. This is a memorable day for us since it was on this day in 1950 that the different parts of India, namely, the princely states, the erstwhile British provinces and the agencies were brought under one constitution and welded into a union of states."

"The distinguished Hindi poet Balamkrishna Sharma 'Navraj' captured the mood of the nation when he wrote:

Koti Koti Kanto Se Nikli Aaj Yehi Swar Dhara  
Bharatvarsh Hamara Hae Yeh Hindustan Hamara Hae.

"From across upon orcas of voices one single music-note is heard: This Bharat Varsh is ours now. Ours, this Hindustan."

"It was also on this day that the citizens of India were guaranteed fundamental rights to life and liberty and were freed from exploitation and discrimination. Above all, it was on this day that every citizen of India emerged as the sovereign of the country through the adoption of universal adult franchise.

Adult franchise is the most powerful instrument devised by man for breaking down social and economic injustice and destroying barriers of caste, creed and religion. It has given the right to the people to choose a government through the democratic process of elections.

"In my Independence Day broadcast last year, I had emphasised the importance of free and fair elections. It is imperative that elections be free from the malaises of coercion, violence and booth capturing. I am happy that the recent election in the ninth Lok Sabha has, by and large, reflected the people's will, though instances of election malpractices and violence were reported from various areas. That nearly 300 million people exercised their franchise and brought about a smooth transition in government, especially at a time when, elsewhere, changes of governments have occurred through bitter and violent processes, is the highest tribute to the Indian people and Indian democracy."

"The people of India may be poor, many of them may be illiterate, but few societies in the world can match the Indian people in the confidence and maturity with which they exercise their democratic rights."

"I am confident that in the elections to state legislatures which lie ahead of us, some of the electoral malpractices noticed during the Lok Sabha elections will be eschewed by political parties and their associates."

"In any democracy, the people do want and have every right to change governments according to their wishes, in a peaceful and orderly manner."

"Monopoly of political power is an attribute of dictatorships. Hence success or failure in elections should not be equated to victory or defeat in a war but, rather, to one's performance in a sporting contest."

"In a healthy democracy, both the ruling party and the opposition have a responsibility to the country and surely the people will judge them in the discharge of that responsibility."

"But I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my belief apart from the responsibilities that devolve on the government and on the opposition, a great responsibility rests with the people themselves. It is wrong to imagine that only governments have the duty to maintain law and order, peace, harmony and progress. The citizens bear an equal responsibility in this regard. The late V.S. Sriivasa Sastri had laid down three basic postulates which make an ideal citizen: (I) A sense of public spirit, meaning thereby the desire to sink one's own personal ends in the larger ends of the community (II) A practical commonsense meaning thereby an ability to cope with and overcome the challenges to individual and collective life that arise from time to time; (III) An ability to understand and appreciate what constitutes the well-

fare of society, that is, what are the different elements that go to make up that welfare."

"The elimination of poverty among our people and the creation of opportunities for gainful employment, should be placed at the top of the nation's agenda. The promotion of small industries, schemes for self-employment, the strengthening of the services sector and of our infrastructure needs to be given renewed impetus."

"A palpable transfer of resources to the advantage of rural India is therefore required urgently. This transfer will have to be specially aimed at strengthening the underprivileged sections, like the scheduled castes and tribes, the urban dispossessed and our women."

"Through steps such as free and compulsory education for all children under 14 and educational coverage for girls, the great disparities in our society can be removed. The General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed the year 1990 as the International Literacy Year. We must utilise this opportunity to initiate a series of nation-wide activities aimed at imparting a sense of urgency to the problem of illiteracy."

"I should like to take this opportunity to share with you two other deep concerns. The first is about the scourge of inflation which impoverishes the weaker sections continuously and undermines the nation surreptitiously. There is a need for drastically pruning public expenditure and ostentatious private spending. Investments that do not provide commensurate returns have to be ruthlessly cut out and all unnecessary and wasteful expenditure completely eliminated. In the last two decades, the savings of the middle and lower middle classes have been greatly eroded and they have been robbed of the fruits of their labour. This section of the population is inarticulate and suffers in silence but it also constitutes the most explosive element in society."

"Secondly, we as a developing nation will be unrealistic if we do not pay adequate attention to the continuing increase in our population. The problem of unemployment and the misery that accompanies it are a direct result of runaway population growth. The government at the centre and in the states must, with the co-operation of voluntary agencies, make family limitation a people's programme. Only then can the rise in population be contained. If this important problem does not receive the attention it needs from the citizens and the state, all the progress achieved by us at great expense and effort will get nullified."

"Friends, perhaps the most of the important fundamental duties enshrined in our constitution is the one that enjoins us to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India, transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities."

"Our saints, from Kabir to Guru Nanak and the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi, have spoken of harmony among our different communities as a wise and natural way of life for our people."

"The people of India seek peace. They long for an environment in which their tradition of concord can continue uninterrupted. The acts of terrorism which have disfigured life in parts of India are repugnant to our culture and civilisation. In recent times, the barbaric practice of taking hostages has also been witnessed by us with dismay. Terrorists who perpetrate such crimes do not represent the people nor the causes which they presume to represent. Terrorists act only for themselves and for their narrow mercenary ends. They only help breed tensions, suspicion and hatred."

"I am deeply distressed by the fact that in some parts of the country, terrorists have received encouragement and assistance from beyond the national borders."

"I would like to take this opportunity to make a specific appeal to our fellow citizens in the state of Jammu and Kashmir to give no quarter to terrorism and violence. The people of Jammu and Kashmir and of Punjab will, I am confident, render to the government and the administration their unstinted co-operation in the task of maintaining order and national security."

# Islamic society to distribute million Qurans

## Seven farms bought for African Muslims

THE head of Africa Committee at the Islamic Heritage Revival Society Jasssem Al Enani said that society is planning to print and distribute to Quran schools one million copies of the Holy Quran in several African countries.

All Muslims in Kuwait are called to contribute as the project is very important for African Muslims because many Quran schools in their countries do not have copies of the Holy Quran. The students in

these schools write the verses of the Holy Quran on wooden boards that are bought by their parents.

### Chapter

He added that Africa Committee of the society printed 10,000 copies of the Holy Quran last year as an experiment which contained the last chapter of the Holy Quran (30th chapter) which is taught at the Quran schools. He added that society will print and send the first 100,000 copies to

Africa very soon.

Each copy of the chapter costs only 100 fils. With ten Kuwaiti dinars the committee can provide the Quran school with 100 copies of the last chapter of the Holy Quran. The copies will be distributed over 20 African countries, he said. As soon as printing and distributing of the 30th chapter is completed, the committee start printing the 29th chapter of the Holy Quran to meet demands of these schools, the official

said.

Al Enani added that his committee is now building 70 mosques, 20 Quran schools and 10 Islamic centres in African countries beside digging 80 water wells. Costs and wages of 45 teachers of Islam working in African countries are also paid.

The committee has also bought seven productive farms and four carpentry and ironsmith workshops for the favour of African Muslims, he said.

## Week-long Palestinian activities under way

KUWAIT, Jan 26 (Kuna): The Second Palestinian Week in support of the intifada got under way yesterday evening, under the patronage of Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Deputising for Sheikh Sabah, Director of the Arab Homeland Administration at the Foreign Ministry Abdul Hamid Al Buaijan inaugurated the week, in the presence of the vice-chairman of the Palestine National Council Salim Al Zaanoun, Palestine's Ambassador to Kuwait Awad Battah and Arab and foreign ambassadors accredited here.

The week-long activity, in which two women associations and five societies from the occupied land are taking part, includes an exhibition of Palestinian formative arts, a book exhibition, a heritage show and some charity bazaars.

Funds raised during the week will be fully devoted to support the ongoing uprising against the Israeli occupation authorities. The first such week was organised here last January.

In press statements on the occasion, Buaijan and Zaanoun hoped for success of the week in realising its purpose and underlined Kuwait's consistent support at the official and public level of the Arab cardinal cause of Palestine.

The week's activities, to last until January 30, will remain open to the public from 11 am until 8 pm every day.

## 30,000 Kuwaiti pilgrims for haj

THE assistant undersecretary of Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for pilgrimage and mosque affairs Abdul Rahman Al Fares expects that the number of pilgrims from Kuwait will reach 30,000 persons in the coming season. Fares who was speaking on the occasion of opening the door for registration of new pilgrimage caravans for the coming season said that pilgrimage affairs committee decided to increase the insurance that should be paid by each caravan to get a licence from KD8,000 to KD10,000. The amount should be deposited by the owner of the caravan at the pilgrimage affairs department of the ministry in cash or at a local bank. He added that 64 caravans are expected to register during the 15 days period of registration.

Fares pointed out that the pilgrimage affairs committee confiscated the licences of two caravans and issued warnings and confiscated a part of insurance money of nine other caravans last season. He added that according to conditions of getting a licence to run a pilgrimage caravan, the owner of the caravan should not be a public servant and pilgrims who go in the caravan should range between 100 and 300 persons including the workers of the caravan. He also should be a Kuwaiti national and over 30 years old. He should prove his financial ability to run a caravan. He also should not do any work or activity that touches the security of Kuwait or its reputation inside or outside Kuwait or any action that troubles relations between Kuwait and other countries, Fares added.



Festival for governors in Ahmadi

Ahmadi Governorate's projects committee organised a special festival for governors, members of the councils of different governorates and senior officials of the state visiting Al Waha Centre for Spring Services.

The festival began with a speech addressed by head of the projects committee Jasssem Al Shatti who explained to the guests services offered by the centre for people in Ahmadi Governorate. Governor of Farwaniya Sheikh Ahmad Al Humoud presented a memorial gift to the Ahmadi Governor. The governor of Ahmadi, Hawalli, Farwaniya and Jahra inspected the services and utilities of the centre.

Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem praised the committees working in the centre. He said that the centre introduces good services for campers in Ahmadi area. He also said that budgets allocated for councils of governorates are sufficient to carry out their projects. He added that a part of these budgets is covered by the co-operative societies.

Hawalli Governor Abdul Latif Al Barjes praised the Waha Centre at Ahmadi Governorate. He added that Hawalli Governorate has no intention to establish a similar centre at the present time due to a lack of a suitable site. Picture shows the various governors during their visit to Al Waha Centre.

## Limited subjects for Arab cartoonists to poke fun at

BAHRAIN, Jan 26 (Reuters): Arab cartoonists can poke fun at anything as long as it is not sex, religion or their leaders.

But they are still freer than Arab writers, to judge from some of the works of 43 cartoonists from 15 Arab and four Western countries now being exhibited at an Arab cartoon festival in Bahrain.

"Cartoons are important in our society because there is no direct freedom of speech," the editor of the London-based Arabic daily Asharq Al Awsat said.

"Cartoonists can offer an opinion — they have a much wider range of possibilities with which to express themselves," editor Othman Al Omair told Reuters at the festival.

But there are limits. The Islamic taboos about sex, the sensitivity of most Arab leaders and Muslim fundamentalists alert to any religious mockery dilute the acidity of the pen.

"There is no room for laughter in our religion — it will be a long time before this changes," Khalid Kishitay, a columnist for Al Awsat, said.

He said a controversy over Tunisian artist Youssef Seddik's comic strip Quran showed how severe the restrictions against offending Islam were.

The 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) branded Seddik a heretic, saying he profaned the Muslim religion. "By indulging in a sacrilegious

act which breaches the authenticity of the Holy Quran, the author of this series of cartoons has committed an act of true heresy harmful to Islam and Muslims, OIC Secretary-General Hamid Al Gabid said.

Seddik, a Paris-based journalist turned scholar, has said he spent five years perfecting his comic-strip version of stories told in the Quran to make them more accessible to children.

It was not surprising that the first modern Arab cartoonists were mostly non-Muslims, said Kishitay, because many Muslims interpreted the Quran as forbidding drawings of people.

The United States is fair game, Libya's Mohamed Zawi displayed an evil-looking Uncle Sam drinking blood through a straw from a globe clutched in his talons.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is another target. Egypt's Ali Osman penned a cowboy with an IMF logo on his back before an emaciated cow branded "third world" with interest rather than milk going into the bucket.

There were several examples of caricatures of world leaders but only one of an Arab — Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat.

The main themes favoured by the cartoonists reflected Arab preoccupation with the Palestinian uprising, the Lebanese conflict and perceived American

club and not so subtle say a busy cartoonist of the Third World.

Iraqi Raed Alrawi depicted an army general mowing down the flowers on his lawn with a miniature tank.

Syrian Yusuf Abdulkhi showed a crippled Palestinian leaning on a crutch in an Israeli jail, his mouth contorted in a grin as books weighted with missiles hung from his cheeks.

Several drawings by the late Palestinian Cartoonist Naji Al Ali, killed by an assassin in London in 1987 were on display.

One showed a rich and a poor Lebanese, both wearing hats riddled with bullet holes. The holes on the rich man's hat were too high up to have harmed him but blood oozed from the lower holes in the poor man's hat.

The plight of the poor was a popular theme. Algerian artist Oasi Rashid drew an Arab man riding through the desert on a donkey dreaming of a Rolls-Royce. His veiled wife trailing behind was also dreaming — of a new pair of shoes.

The inclusion of women in the cartoons on display was rare. The exception was Saudi cartoonist Mohammed Al Khumair, whose works prominently displayed women.

One showed reclining Arab women watching Filipino maids doing the housework. Another showed an unkempt Arab criticising his well-groomed wife. A third showed youths loitering to catch a glimpse of an attractive woman.

## Crime rate in Hawalli has dropped: Shamlan

THE Director of Security at Hawalli Governorate Col. Abdul Aziz Al Shamlan was quoted as saying that the crime rate had dropped significantly in the governorate.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that drugs and drug-related crimes are not only accorded priority by the security authorities, but head the agenda of health, education, religious, legislative and judicial authorities.

The authorities serious concern is reflected in a recent Amiri decree to set up a national committee for combating drugs. The committee is chaired by the minister of interior and consists of members of the Ministries of Public Health, Education, Higher Education, Social Affairs and Labour in addition to representatives from the Ministries of Justice, Information, Planning, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Finance and Customs Department, in addition to a team of experts drawn from a cross-section of peers.

Commenting on the crime rate in Kuwait, Col. Shamlan said: "Statistics indicate that the rate of crimes in Kuwait have registered a significant drop and the crime-scene calls for no anxiety." He attributed the drop in crime to the heightened vigilance of security authorities, coupled with the increased co-operation of the general public.

Speaking of crimes committed in the governorate, the official said that these are mostly related to, distilling, issuance of dud cheques and theft.

Shamlan said that, in addition, could be cured if they opted to be treated at hospitals. Those who voluntarily enroll in the drug rehabilitation programme will not be criminally charged, the official added.

Speaking on the security plan, the official said that they were being set up in light of the circumstances of each governorate and the implementation of these plans could be conducted in co-ordination with security men at police stations, security patrols and detectives.

Run-away servants is an issue that has several ramifications, Shamlan said and advised citizens to be extra cautious in selecting their servants.

With regard to youth issues and methods on protecting them, the official said that the country's authorities were paying special concerns to this issue — particularly the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the information media, in addition to the welfare societies. He called on parents to pay more attention to the upbringing and welfare of their children and to show them love and raise them on the basis of Islamic culture.

The governorate has intensified the security patrols at the coasts and also some markets in the wake of complaints received from citizens related to eve-teasers and cases of molestations. The security department has assigned secret police to control the behaviour of these juveniles and to take legal actions, Shamlan said.

Honouring policemen who have displayed exemplary execution of their duties has played a significant role in uplifting the moral of the police force, Shamlan said.

**Japan troupe**  
TOKYO, Jan 26 (Kuna): A Japanese folklore troupe leaves here for Kuwait later this month on the first leg of a five-country tour in the region.

The troupe will perform for two days in Kuwait before proceeding to Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt.

# Gas network expansion recommended by study

## Bid to reduce oil dependence

LOCAL gas consumption in the Arab world is still below average and constitutes only 30 per cent of the total energy consumption in the area, according to a study published in the monthly bulletin of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec).

Given the future projections for energy demand in the Arab world, the study recommended the expansion of existing gas transmission networks to link the main consumption sites in the Arab world through a unified integrated system to provide gas requirements to all Arab countries.

This proposal is intended to replace the use of liquid fuel in the various sectors which would help the growth of new industries.

The study also outlined the masterplan of the proposed gas pipelines network system, including those for the related relay stations and involved investments, method of fees collection system and consumer gas prices.

It is expected that this masterplan will contribute to the development of petrochemical, gas and fuel oil products in the Arab world which could be traded for coal and nuclear energy needed for power generation in the Arab world.

The study pointed out that the proposed gas pipeline network will enable some Arab countries to use natural gas to support their economic and development schemes, whether through the establishment of petrochemical and fertiliser industries or to incorporate it as fuel in their

energy blend, adding that such countries included Jordan, Syria, Lebanon (during peace time), Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco.

As to the Arab Middle Eastern countries, the study showed that Saudi Arabia would experience a remarkable gas deficit in the year 1995, estimated at 23 billion square metric per annum, and Iraq at 21 billion square metres per annum, Bahrain at 9 billion and Kuwait at two billion, per annum and a slight deficit in Oman.

As to the non-producing countries, such as Lebanon, Jordan, South Yemen and North Yemen, the deficit would be seen in the growing demand for gas and Qatar would be the only country to have a gas surplus estimated at 16.2 billion square metres per annum, as also the UAE at an average of 5.3 billion. Therefore, the study recommended that a balance be affected between the deficit in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain with the surplus of Qatar.

### Returns

The study proposed the method to be followed in balancing the deficit which in Saudi Arabia is estimated at 11.6 billion square metres through the establishment of a marine gas pipeline to link the northern gas field in Qatar across the Saudi territories to Dhanraan at an estimated length of 300 kilometres and a diameter of 1066.8 mm.

The study put the estimated investment returns at approximately \$260 million given the existing taxation system, forecasting the investment returns at

10, 15 and 20 dollars for each 100/square metres.

The deficit in Bahrain is estimated at an average of 7.5 billion square metres per annum, which could be balanced through the establishment of a gas pipeline network to link the Saudi city of Dhanraan to Manama at an approximate length of 60 kilometres and a diameter of 762mm., and the projected investment returns would be forecasted at approximately \$140 million given the existing taxation system and the current transmission tariff estimated at 10, 15 and 20 dollars for each 1000 square metres, which would result in investment returns amounting to 22.3 per cent, 35.7 per cent and 48.9 per cent successively on the basis of a study transmission flow of 9.125 billions square metres per annum.

The deficit in Kuwait is estimated at 1 billion square metres per annum, which could be balanced by establishing a gas pipeline network extending from Dhanraan to Kuwait at an estimated length of 500 kilometres and a diameter of 1066.8mm.

The projected investment returns would be in the amount of \$335 million given the existing taxation system, and the transmission tariff estimated at 10, 15, 20 dollars for each one thousand square metres, which would bring the total investment rates to 4.7 per cent and 15.7 per cent successively on the basis of a steady transmission annual flow of an average 7.3 billion square metres.



Paet management course

A training course on management, organised on Jan 13, by Kuwait Public Authority for Applied Education and Training was concluded Thursday at its training centre in Dasman Complex, Sharq. The graduation ceremony was attended by the Deputy Director General of the Authority Humoud Al Mudhaf. Picture shows Mudhaf with the trainees after the graduation ceremony.

## Saudis begin anti-drug campaign today

RIYADH, Jan 26 (Kuna): The first Saudi National Awareness Caravan on the menace of drugs will start its activities here tomorrow. Ali Al Meghrem, the head of its organisational committee announced here today.

He told the Saudi Press Agency that the caravan is organised and supervised by the national anti-drugs commission headed by Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz, chairman of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare.

Meghrem termed the caravan as the first ever anti-drugs programme of its kind on regional, Arab and international levels.

The caravan's functions in Riyadh will last for five days and later it will tour other Saudi cities for the same purpose.

Meghrem said the caravan's activities will be organised at a big camp, to be set-up at an accessible place in every town it visits. Its main show will be a big march on streets of all touring cities, covering a distance of ten kilometres.

He said the caravan will hold five exhibitions set-up for awareness purposes including a plastic arts show, a photographic show, pamphlets and booklets, a show

on achievements realised by the Saudi anti-drugs campaigns and a display various kinds of drugs whether manufactured or natural as well as a show of films and slides and broadcasts materials against drugs.

Meghrem said the caravan will last for 54 days and will visit eleven cities throughout the kingdom including Hafuf, Dammam, Jubail, Qassim, Hail, Tabuk, Madinah, Jeddah, Taif, Abha and Jizan respectively.

He said the second phase of the caravan will be a tour of the Arab Gulf states and its third phase will be a tour of a number of Arab states.

## Arabic cities conference

KUWAIT, Jan 26 (Kuna): Secretary-General of the Arab Cities Organisation (ACO) Abdul Aziz Al Adasani left early Thursday for Marrakesh to take part in the ninth ACO general conference.

Adasani said that 365 Arab cities would take part in the conference, scheduled to open Monday under the auspices of Morocco's King Hassan II.

He said apart from sharing experiences, delegates would lay down the organisation's general policies for the next session and approve its budget besides electing ACO's various bodies, including its secretary-general.

Regional and world specialised agencies as well as representatives of European and US metropolitan organisations will attend the Marrakesh conference as observers, the official pointed out.

### Credentials presented

BANJUL, Jan 26 (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to Senegal Sulaiman Ibrahim Marjan Thursday presented his credentials to Gambian President Dawda Jawara as ambassador extra-ordinary and plenipotentiary of Kuwait in Gambia, resident in Dakar.

A ceremony of credentials presentation was attended by Gambian foreign minister and senior officials at the presidential palace.

### Diplomatic relations

WARSAW, Jan 26 (Reuters): Poland and Oman established diplomatic relations last week the official news agency PAP reported.

It said the two sides wanted to develop friendship and co-operation but gave no details.

The solidarity-led government has been reviewing Poland's diplomatic relations and foreign policy since communist rule ended last September.

### US-Saudi relations

RIYADH, Jan 26 (Kuna): US Assistant Defence Secretary Henry S. Rowen has said President George Bush is determined to see that US-Saudi relations continue to prosper in years ahead.

Addressing a press conference here, he said his current visit to Saudi Arabia comes in the framework of bilateral friendly relations and to reinforce co-operation between defence ministries of the two countries.

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# Kuwait may loan \$200m to Soviet Union

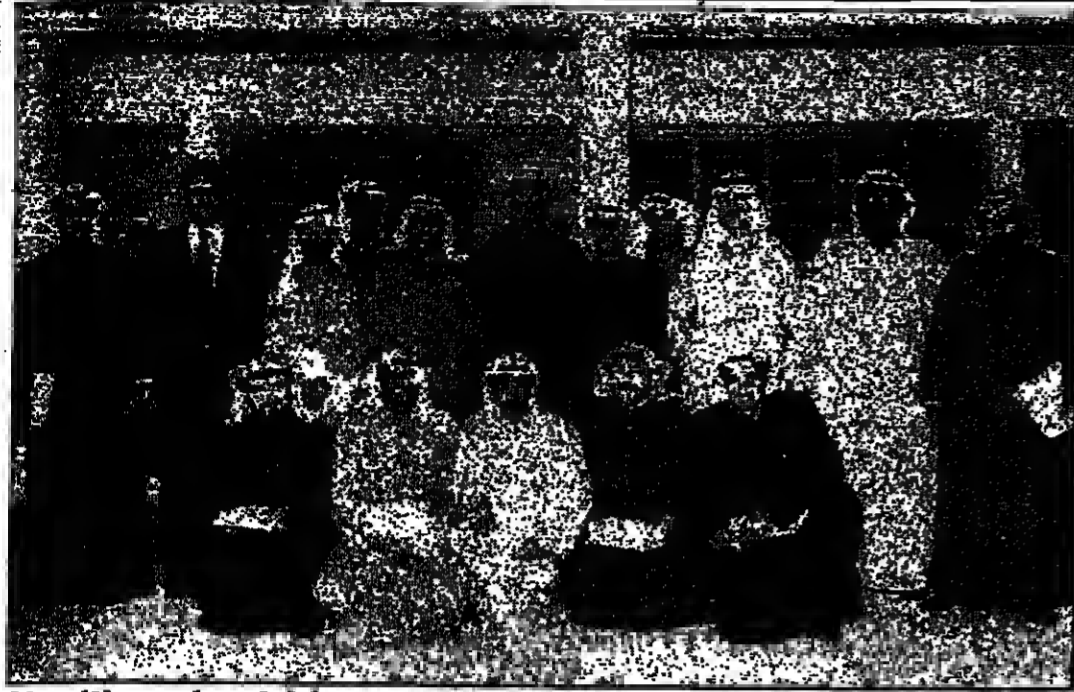
## Second loan for modernising industries

By Mahmoud Abedin  
KUWAIT is likely to grant a \$200 million loan to the Soviet Union next month, highly informed sources said today. The sources told the Arab Times that a high ranking Soviet financial delegation will arrive in Kuwait next month for talks on bilateral relations and for signing impor-

tant agreements. It added that the Soviet delegation will hold talks with officials of the Kuwait Foreign Trade, Contracting and Investments Company, on boosting co-operation between them and for holding a loan agreement the value of which was put by the sources at over \$200 million. This will be second Kuwaiti loan to the

Soviet Union. KFTCIC organised two years ago a \$150 million loan between a number of Kuwaiti banks and the Soviet Foreign Trade Bank, which will be the beneficiary of the new loan. The sources added that the new loan will be used by the Soviet Union to modernise some industries.

In another development, it was learnt that the KFTCIC is planning to introduce a new investment fund next month. The new fund will be open for local investors for outside investment. The company is currently managing three funds outside Kuwait. The company is preparing to offer local investment funds when allowed.



### Health and nutrition course

A training course on the healthy way towards nutrition organised by the training sector at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training ended recently. The course began on Sept 20, 1989 at the Health Sciences College headquarters. The graduation ceremony was attended by the assistant dean of the Health Sciences College at the authority, Abdullah Al Whaib and Dr Adel Badawi the head of the Food Sciences and Nutrition Department at the college.

Dr Badawi stated that the course aimed at enhancing students knowledge on scientific information specially on health and nutrition. At the end of the ceremony 15 students received graduation certificates which were distributed by Abdullah Al Whaib.

### From the courts

## Couple get 2 years RI for illicit relationship

A MAN and a woman were each sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation for having an illicit relationship.

The court was told that the man was working as a houseboy and the woman as a housemaid in two different households. The employer of the housemaid told the court that he had observed the man leave the bedroom of his housemaid.

On close questioning, she revealed that she was having an affair with the accused which had begun in India. Prior to coming to Kuwait, the relationship had resulted in an abortion. In Kuwait she had also aborted twice with the help of a special herbal drink.

AN ACCUSED was sentenced to four years imprisonment, and his two accomplices to six years imprisonment each. All three accused were to serve sentences with hard labour to be followed with deportation for smuggling a large quantity of alcohol.

The court was told that security men who had kept a watch on the second and third accused, successfully arranged to purchase 54 cartons of liquor. On completion of the transaction, security forces arrested both the accused and recovered the marked currency involved in the transaction.

Further investigations led security officials to a pick-up truck which was parked under a tree in Sababiyah Area. A search of the vehicle revealed a large quantity of liquor and a machine gun.

The two accused confessed that they had paid the first accused an amount of Iraqi Dinars 17,500 to deliver the liquor to Kuwait.

A MAN was sentenced to seven years imprisonment with hard labour on charges of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl.

The victim told the court that after shopping at the co-operative society in the Fahahel market, she and her sister were waiting for a taxi, when the accused offered them a ride home.

She said on the way home the accused showed interest in her and asked her for her telephone number. The next day the convict called her and asked her for a date.

When they met, the convict took the girl to his brothers house and raped her. The victim reported the incident to the police.

THE APPELLATE Court of Misdemeanours has commuted the sentence passed by the court of Misdemeanours (First Instance) against a doctor at Al Jahra Hospital from two years in jail with hard labour to six months in jail with a stay of enforcement in lieu of a fine of KD300.

The doctor had been charged with manslaughter during the course of treating one of his patients and in the same case his nurse had been acquitted.

Meanwhile, the Appellate Court of Misdemeanours upheld the judgement issued by the Court of Misdemeanours acquitting the nurse.

## Ammonia gas attack

A NUMBER of people fell unconscious after inhaling ammonia gas that allegedly leaked from an oil tanker anchored near Fahahel coast.

The level of ammonia gas in the air compelled shop owners to close their shops and shoppers to leave their

shopping at 4.00 pm last week. The smell of ammonia pervaded the area for about three hours. The oil tanker left Kuwait waters on Thursday night, sources said without revealing the cause of the leakage or the number of people the gas afflicted.



### Copeland service seminar

Al Hasawi Airconditioning & Refrigeration Equipment Est., who are the exclusive agents for selling Copeland compressors, condensing units and spare parts in Kuwait and Copeland Corporation of USA organised a compressor operation & service seminar in the Sheraton Hotel on Monday January 22, 1990, wherein air conditioning engineers from all the ministries and air conditioning companies were invited. There was good response.

Mr Hasan Al Hasawi, managing director of Al

Hasawi Group of companies welcomed the guests. Mr John Burnett, Copeland area manager briefed the audience about the latest developments in Copeland Corporation and the compressor world. And then Mr Glen Hannegan, the specialist trainer, continued with his training. The seminar was well attended. Copeland Corporation USA will be issuing certificates and the certificates will be delivered by Al Hasawi to all those who attended the seminar.

## Ministries complex ID office re-located

THE Office of the Public Authority for Civil Information situated in the Ministries Complex has been closed as of last Thursday, according to the Director of Civil Registration Department, at the authority, Salem Mohammed Diab.

In an interview with a local daily, Diab said that the action has been taken within the framework of the authority's policy to modernise its system.

A new branch will be opened for the authority at Al Farwaniya Area. According to the new system, the offices of Al Farwaniya Area will receive expatriates only, while Al Rihaab office of Hawalli will receive Kuwaitis.

Replying to a question, the official said that those who are entitled to receive civil identity cards from the Ministries Complex should communicate with Al Rihaab complex. However, in future, civil identity cards will have to be retrieved from the same office that they were submitted at.

### KJA support

KUWAIT, Jan 26, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Journalists Association had expressed support to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah's call for dialogue in tackling national issues.

A statement by the association, carried out in local dailies yesterday, said the Amir's address to the nation had demonstrated his far-sightedness, wisdom and his great love to Kuwait and its people.

The statement said the Amir's frank and comprehensive speech had addressed the issue appropriately and transcended all differences to put Kuwait's higher interests over all considerations.

The statement urged for initiating dialogue as called for by HH the Amir.

## Action Line

I WORK in the private sector; two years ago my wife came on a visa No. 20. She is now expecting a baby. Does the law allow my wife to deliver in Kuwait? Can she stay here with her baby?

M.N.

A WOMAN holding a visa No. 20 is not allowed to bring her children to Kuwait; the father is also not permitted to obtain dependent visa for the children. Although a woman is allowed to give birth to a "child at any place" she so wishes, she cannot stay in the country with the child. The rules say that "if a woman on a domestic visa (No. 20) delivers in Kuwait, both mother and child should leave the country." The hospital where such a birth takes place will advise the mother on exit procedures.

MY CHILD, who is nine years old, is studying in my country. His visa is valid until 1992. Can he enter on the valid residence permit?

B.S.

IT IS advisable to obtain permission for over-stay. As you may know, a person's visa is automatically cancelled if he/she stays outside the country for more than six months. A parent can apply for permission, especially for students, from the department of immigration by supplying authenticated documents from the school where the student is studying. In case the visa expires, the father can bring him on a visit visa and then do the needful to regularise his/her stay in the country.

MY WIFE and I work in the private sector. We were married a year ago in Kuwait. Now, my wife is expecting our first child. Can I sponsor the child?

A husband

YES, you can sponsor the child. If both parents work in the private sector, and the child is born in Kuwait, then a father can sponsor the child.

I WOULD like to know the formalities for obtaining a business visa as one of my associates wants to visit the country. I have been told it takes two to three weeks to obtain a business visa. Is that true?

A businessman

RECENTLY, rules to obtain business visas were relaxed. Such visas can now be obtained quickly. You can submit the relevant documents to the immigration authorities, and from what we hear, a business visa is granted within 24 hours.

WE HAVE heard rumours that the authorities have relaxed the visit visa rules, and now allow a visitor to stay for three months, instead of one. Please advise.

A reader

VISIT visa rules, so far, have not been altered. A person entering on such visas is permitted to stay for a month. However, a visitor can extend his stay by getting a fresh visa. In such a case, he would be required to re-enter the country. A visit visa can be obtained by submitting a copy of the visitor's passport, documentary evidence of relationship to the sponsor, a recently issued salary certificate, sponsor's ID card, a visa application form, duly completed. Although there is no salary limit, a sponsor's income must be "suitable to cover a visitor's expenses" during his/her stay in the country.

THE LABOUR law, issued in March 1989, says that a person must work for three years with one employer before he/she can change jobs. I have a two year contract with my employer. Will my employer extend the contract automatically? Does this rule apply to employers as well? I mean, does an employer have to hold on to an employee for three years?

A reader

A PERSON can't change jobs unless he or she has completed three years service with one employer. However, there are exceptions under which a person who has worked for more than 10 years — on the same type of visa (example No. 18) can seek a transfer of job.

The three year service rule mostly applies to new immigrants. An employer, however, is not obliged to "hold on to an employee" for that period. If an employee comes on a two year contract, and the employer feels that he no longer requires his services, he can cancel that employee's visa and ask him to go back.

The three-year restriction is for employees who want to change jobs.

WHAT is the status of a private sector employee who does part time jobs? Is he allowed to work part time, with the knowledge and consent of his sponsor? If yes, please quote the rule.

A part time employee

PART TIME jobs are not permitted by the law. A person must work for the employer who sponsors him. Labour Law amendments, made by the ministerial decision No. 87/1989, Article 12, state that a "labourer sponsored by a certain employer cannot be allowed to work with another employer, even with the co-operation of his sponsor." If a person is found working for someone other than his employer, his work permit can be cancelled and he "must be deported." If the employer knows that his staff member holds a second job, under the law, he is obliged to inform the relevant authorities so that suitable action can be taken.

As we are discussing part time jobs, we'd like to include the status of maids on the issue. Domestic helpers are also not permitted to work for an employer other than their sponsor. If she does, she is liable to be deported.

If you have a problem we will try to solve it the best way we can. Drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions to us on Tel: 4847495.



Dr DeWitt Williams, Hussain Al Moman and Ghalab Al Galayini at the press conference.

## Lung cancer epidemic in 10 years predicted

### 42 pc doctors in Kuwait smoke

By Diana Abou Halder  
Arab Times staff

IN ten years Kuwait will face an epidemic of lung cancer caused by smoking, predicted a visiting international anti-drug expert.

Dr DeWitt Williams, assistant to the director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, was invited by the Ministry of Public Health to participate in a public awareness campaign against smoking.

In a press conference arranged Thursday by the Anti-Smoking Society of Kuwait, Williams said that a non-smoking wife of a smoker dies 3-5 years earlier and children of parents who smoke have an increased frequency of hospitalisation for bronchitis and pneumonia, plus an increase in a variety of acute respiratory illness, tracheitis, and laryngitis during the first two years of their lives when compared with the children of non-smokers.

"Our non-political organisation seeks to reveal the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol and drugs on nations and point out strategies to fight these menaces," Williams explained.

He added that he firmly believes that the tobacco industry is targeting the Middle East countries to replace the consumers they lost in the United States. "It is important that Middle East leaders prevent their people from falling into the same trap we fell into."

Williams conducted a special five-day programme for smokers who wanted to kick the butt. "We ask smokers to stop smoking immediately and we put them on a liquid diet for four days," he said. "The diet helps wash all the poisonous chemicals out of their bodies. Then we get them addicted to exercise and we give them non-smoking partners. We show them an actual tape of a lung cancer removing operation and we strengthen their will."

He thought the statistics on smoking in Kuwait were extremely alarming especially when it comes to smoking among doctors. "How can a doctor tell his patient that smoking is bad for him or her when he himself smokes," wondered Williams explaining that only 7 per cent of doctors in the United States smoke.

Secretary-General of the Anti-Smoking Society, Dr Hussain Al Momen, said that 42 per cent of

doctors in Kuwait smoke. "We are looking at a huge increase in the numbers of smokers," he said adding that 50 per cent of high school students and 65 per cent of their teachers smoke.

"We are teaching our children how to smoke while children in other countries around the world are being taught how to quit smoking," said Momen alluding to the unsupervised promotional campaigns by tobacco companies. "Not long ago, one of these companies had a robot handing out packets of cigarettes to shoppers at a supermarket. You can imagine who would be attracted most to that thing," said Momen adding that such gimmicks are not allowed in other countries.

Dr Ghalab Al Galayini, a member of the Anti-Smoking Society and a specialist on chest diseases who has worked in Kuwait since the 80's, said that he has witnessed an astounding increase in lung cancer in the 80's.

"According to statistics from the Chest Diseases Hospital, 50 per cent of deaths among its patients are caused by lung cancer," Galayini said. "Just by stopping smoking, we can reduce the number of lung cancer cases by 90 per cent."

### Camel journey

ISLAMABAD, Jan 26, (Kuna): A Qatari national, travelling round the world to promote peace and unity on the back of a camel, arrived here to a warm welcome.

Saleh Bio Mohammed Al Shamri was greeted by a cheering crowd that included group of members of the local Red Crescent Society and officials of the Qatar Embassy in Pakistan.

In a press interview on arrival at the main city square of Aahpara, Shamri, 33, said he had come to Pakistan after visiting the Arab states in the Middle East since 1987 when he embarked on his adventure.

He said during his odyssey round the globe he would project the glorious past of the Arab Muslims.

According to him after completing his Asian part of the "round the world for peace" trip in Beijing in October 1990 he would return home to start the African leg of the tour followed by Europe and the United States.

Shamri, who started his adventure from the Holy City of Makkah, entered Pakistan from Iran and would next go to India and Bangladesh on his way to China via Thailand and Burma.

### Moonshiners

DETECTIVES of the Hawalli Governorate apprehended two Thai nationals identified as Dimpak K. and Brani A. oo charges of hawking and selling illicit liquor.

A raid on their residence by the police netted several barrels of manufactured liquor in addition to distilling equipment.



### Indian Republic Day

Indian Ambassador Arun K. Budhiraja hoisted the Indian flag at the chancery premises to celebrate the Republic Day of India. The flag-hoisting ceremony was attended by members of the Indian community residing in Kuwait.

School children, colourfully attired in the dresses of various regions of India, sang the national anthem. After the flag hoisting Budhiraja (second left) read out the message of the President of India.

## Increase in foodstuff prices international, says Buaijan

ABDULLAH Al Buaijan, chairman of Kuwait's Foodstuff Merchants and Manufacturers Union said that prices of foodstuffs have increased throughout the world.

He told reporters following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Union that all European countries have increased prices due to the increase in oil prices in the international markets.

He denied that co-operative societies and foodstuff merchants were exploiting the situation. He commented that the Kuwaiti market imported most of its requirements from abroad and it is natural that this market will be negatively affected by price increases prevailing in the world.

He commented that consumers should realise that competition in itself can considerably reduce prices, provided such competition is given the necessary freedom. Another vital option to redress this increase in prices would be to increase local production, the official said.

He disclosed that the union will soon establish super markets which would be directly supervised by the union and added

that the union is continually striving to provide enhanced services by its providing prime goods at reasonable prices.

### Follow up

In a follow up on the facts behind the rise of prices at markets in Kuwait, a local daily interviewed a food stuff importer in order to highlight his views.

Shaker Al Salman, the general manager of one of the biggest cheese importers in the local market stated that he is not a lawyer in order to defend merchants, importers and food stuff wholesalers but, stressed that merchants cannot alter prices particularly for important and essential products like cheeses and cooking oils. He said that due to Kuwait's free market policy, there are thousands of merchants for one specific product.

A merchant would have the total freedom in controlling the market price if he was the sole importer of one product. Here, we could say that the merchant is exploiting consumers because he is the only importer.

The high number of merchants and importers who deal with one product are

sometimes forced to sell that product at cost price in order to stay competitive with other merchants. He added that this policy has created an advantage for consumers.

With regard to the current price rise of white cheese in Kuwait markets, Salman stated that most of the white cheeses which arrive in Kuwait are imported from East European states which are currently passing through a number of vital political modifications. He said this has led to a rise in the prices due to the low quantity available.

He indicated that some of the Eastern European states have stopped exporting white cheese to Kuwait due to the unstable political situation in these states. He pointed out that a shortage in the supply of white cheeses have led to an increase in their prices. He said that many confectionery shops in Kuwait depend on these types of cheeses in making their dishes which will in turn reflect on their prices too.

He stated that Syria, Lebanon and Egypt are the biggest manufacturers of cheese in the Arab world. He added that

unfortunately, their production is not enough to cover the market needs of all Arab states.

Regarding prices of olive oil, Salman pointed out that they depended on Turkey in the past due to its moderate prices. He said that the agricultural season in Turkey this year is not good which has led to a decrease in exports and increase in prices. He added that the price of one ton of coffee has dropped from KD500 to KD350.

On the other hand, a large number of consumers complained of the price rise of frozen chickens.

Sami Mohammed Saleh, general manager of a major importing company pointed out that Turkey is considered the main exporter of frozen chickens to Kuwait, among a number of other states. He indicated that they have stopped importing from specific states due to the increase in their prices. A country like Denmark paid nearly \$100 support for each exported ton of frozen chickens. He pointed out that Denmark has lately stopped payment of the support and that is the reason why the price has shot up.

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Thought for today

TOLERATION is the best religion — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

Soviet troops to leave  
Warsaw Pact  
days numbered

LONDON, (Reuters): The Warsaw Pact is finished as an anti-Western military alliance, with attempts by East European countries to negotiate withdrawal of Soviet forces from their territory another nail in its coffin, Western experts say.

But some analysts think the seven-nation grouping could continue to exist with a changed role for some time to come, and they say its decline does not necessarily mean an end to the threat NATO still sees in the East.

The revolutions that swept through East Europe late last year, toppling communist parties from power and opening the way to Western-style political and economic systems, destroyed the pact's unity of purpose, as dictated by Moscow.

The pact was founded in 1955 in response to West Germany joining NATO.

Nato strategists saw its original tasks as disciplining any member which threatened to break ranks, as happened with Czechoslovakia in 1968, and preparing for a blitzkrieg war against Western Europe in the event of an East-West conflict.

No, says Colonel John Cross, deputy director of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), "any prospect of the non-Soviet Warsaw Pact countries pitching into Soviet-co-ordinated activities is nil."

"The very existence of the Warsaw Pact is in question," IISS director of studies Hans Binnendijk wrote last week.

Czechoslovakia last week became the first Warsaw Pact state to start negotiations with the Russians on total withdrawal of Soviet forces.

The opening talks were inclusive and were adjourned until early February. But Czechoslovak officials remained confident that their demand for approval of all 75,000 Soviet troops by the end of the year would be met.

Next week, similar talks will start in Budapest on Hungary's request for a complete Soviet pullout of more than 50,000 troops by this year or 1991 at the latest. Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth says Moscow has already agreed the troops should go.

In Poland, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa called last week for an early withdrawal of the 40,000 Soviet troops there, although the Solidarity-led Warsaw government has not formally backed this request.

East Germany has not so far called for the rapid departure of the key 380,000-strong Soviet contingent that it hosts, although Communist Party leader Gregor Gysi has suggested that all foreign forces leave both East and West Germany by 1990.

There are no Soviet forces in Romania or Bulgaria, the other two pact members.

The Western alliance has its own interest in the maintenance of the pact: it provides an arms control forum with which to negotiate, as in the current East-West talks in Vienna on reducing armed forces throughout Europe.

Western officials believe that these talks will benefit, at least from their point of view, from negotiations Czechoslovakia and Hungary are starting with Moscow on troop withdrawals.

In particular, they think Moscow can now hardly fail to agree to withdraw from Eastern Europe at least the 325,000 troops that NATO is demanding in return for a cut of only 30,000 US men in Western Europe.

"The Soviet leverage on personnel is eroding rather rapidly," one official said.

To date, no member has proposed pulling out of the pact and some have openly stated that they will continue to honour their obligations to it. East European leaders apparently feel that Moscow is sensitive on this point, especially when it is facing serious ethnic troubles at home.

But the subject of neutrality has been aired by opposition figures in Hungary, and no one knows what line will be taken by the new governments that will come to power in a wave of free elections across Eastern Europe in the spring and summer.

Particularly critical is the situation in East Germany, where elections are scheduled on May 6. A demand for withdrawal of Soviet forces stationed there on Europe's vital central front would be acutely embarrassing to Moscow, Western analysts said.

Soviet officials, aware that the pact cannot continue as before, have been talking for some time about changing its character to make it more of a political than a military grouping.

Colonel General Nikolai Chervov, a top official in the Soviet general staff, said last week the pact's political consultative committee, grouping Communist Party leaders, was likely to be replaced by another body, possibly consisting of heads of state.

Nato diplomats say that due to Soviet dominance, the pact has never been a true alliance. "It was just a piece of paper and a Russian general issuing orders," one said.

But some analysts say it is too soon to write it off.

"It will probably continue to exist simply because it is much more traumatic to disband it," says John Cross of the IISS.

"The Warsaw Pact isn't a very good club, but it costs nothing to belong, so inertia might maintain it."

For Poland and Czechoslovakia, some analysts argue, the pact might even provide an insurance policy against the possibility of German reunification.

Whatever happens to the pact, Nato officials maintain, the Soviet Union will remain the continental superpower in Europe with extremely large armed forces, although they increasingly see the "threat" coming from instability within Soviet borders rather than from any plan to overrun the West.

## Azerbaijanis renounce membership

## Communist Party in crisis

MOSCOW, (Reuters): "This party does not look after Azeri interests. We can no longer be members," declared communists from Soviet Azerbaijan as they ripped up their party cards in front of a stunned Moscow press conference.

The same evening — Sunday — the entire country was treated to a similar spectacle on national television. Communists at a rally in the southern republic's city of Gyandzha burnt their party cards while the cameras rolled and crowds cheered.

One of the biggest victims of the Soviet military intervention in Azerbaijan has been the Communist Party, accused by many Azeris of the murder of scores, perhaps hundreds, of people who died in clashes with troops.

Across the republic, about half of the party's 200,000 members have quit, according to the Popular Front, the nationalist movement that now claims to be the supreme political force.

The people have apparently run out of party cards. They are starting to burn portraits of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin and the man who signed the order to send in the troops, Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev.

## Problems

But the Communist Party's problems in Azerbaijan date back long before midnight last Saturday when the Soviet troops and tanks stormed into the Azeri capital of Baku and crushed blockades behind which huddled hundreds of people.

The Popular Front emerged as a political force only last year but quickly exuded the ruling party's support. Communist chiefs failed to recognise the surge of nationalist feeling in time.

In nine months, the front grew from a club of intellectuals drinking tea in Baku's gardens to an organisation which drove communists from villages and drew thousands to rallies demanding the resignation of the entire Azeri communist leadership.

Soviet and foreign analysts now look back and see there was plenty of fertile ground for an uprising against the party in oil-rich Azerbaijan once Gorbachev came to power in 1985 and proclaimed his policies of openness and reform.

They say the party had out existed as an ideological organisation in Azerbaijan for many years. Instead, it tended to be the instrument of one clan or another.

Geidar Aliyev, Azeri party chief from 1969 to 1982 and a former Soviet Politburo member, is said to have packed the party with friends and relatives and hounded officials who sought to expose corruption during his 13-year rule.

## Successor

Aliyev's successor in Baku was Kiyamran Bagirov. He lasted until May 1988 when the communist leaders of both Azerbaijan and neighbouring Armenia lost their jobs after three months of unrest over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Bagirov failed to stop corruption in the republic. His successor, Abdul Rakhman Vezirov, was chosen in the apparent belief that an outsider was needed to push through reforms.

But Vezirov had been away from the area for many years and spoke poor Azeri. When the Popular Front emerged last year, patterned after Baltic movements for democracy and autonomy, he refused to recognise it until it staged massive street protests.

"It is sad, but the central committee in Azerbaijan and other organs of power in the republic, even after the leadership was changed, failed either to head the popular movement or to control it," one Soviet journalist wrote.

"So the grassroots movement was left to be headed by others," Rustam Arifdzhanov added in the weekly Sobesednik.

## Demands

The Popular Front surged forward with a list of demands including the recall of Azerbaijan's deputies in parliament. It charged the elections had been manipulated by the communists.

The front sought economic sovereignty. It said 97 per cent of Azerbaijan's industrial output, and the lucrative oil and tourism sectors, flowed directly to Moscow.

And it demanded a firm Kremlin rebuff to Armenian demands on Nagorno-Karabakh by ruling in Azerbaijan's favour instead of allowing a Moscow-appointed commission to run the region indefinitely.

It was this issue that repeatedly exploded into the ethnic violence and civil disobedience. Gorbachev's final answer was to send in the troops.

On Thursday the Azeri communists picked a new leader to replace Vezirov, sacked and expelled from the party for political mistakes which led to the crisis.

But Popular Front leaders say it is too late to restore the party's credibility in the republic, leaving Gorbachev a huge political problem on Moscow's southern border even if he withdraws the troops from Baku tomorrow.

"The Communist Party has no future in Azerbaijan," Ekhtibar Mamedov, a member of the Popular Front's directorate, told a Moscow news conference on Thursday. "We favour the secession of Azerbaijan from the Soviet Union."



An Azeri boy wearing a head band of Azeri colours kisses an Azerbaijani republic flag. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Violence bad for Iran, Turkey

NICOSIA, (Reuters): For Iran and Turkey, the Soviet Union's neighbours in Transcaucasia, the explosion of ethnic violence opens a Pandora's box across cold war borders that were gradually thawing for trade and travel.

Both feel a natural affinity for the Muslim Azeris and are angry at Moscow's crackdown on nationalists in Baku.

The crisis seems to have sparked new friction in Tehran between Ayatollah Khomeini's moderate heirs and their hardline Islamic critics.

Flagging

Turkey has an extra worry, that Soviet Armenia, with Moscow's control flagging and thousands of young nationalists taking up arms, could be a new springboard for Armenian territorial claims in eastern Turkey.

Neither Tehran nor Ankara can now count on the steady growth of Soviet ties they have welcomed in the Gorbachev era.

Soviet troops sealed the border with Iran after reports in the Soviet press that Azeris on the Iranian side were sending arms to their Soviet kin.

Soviet Azeri nationalists burned down border posts.

But Moscow and Tehran have kept their diplomatic exchanges on the crisis formal and polite.

A large majority in Iran's (Majlis) parliament endorsed a notably mild letter to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on Tuesday, urging him to deal with the crisis peacefully.

It stressed religious, rather than political, motives for the Azeri revolt, saying their "hearts are slight with love of Islam" and they "want to return to the bosom of Islam."

Leading hardliner Ali Akbar Mohtashemi has warned, however, that Moscow was "playing with fire" in clashing with Muslims and "the world of revolutionary Islam and Hizbollah (party of God) resistance cells are lying in ambush for enemies of Islam."

Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has pursued trade and arms deals with Moscow, a policy which Khomeini blessed before his death last year.

Apart from economic advantages, the payoff for Islamic Iran was an increase in cross-border contacts which enabled Muslims in the Soviet Union's Asian republics to renew religious ties.

Feel

Gorbachev seemed to feel that an opening to Iran would be a safety valve for Islamic sentiment among his restive Muslim minorities.

The crackdown in Baku has called such hopes into question — all the more because of the sympathetic view taken by the United States, "the great Satan" to Iran's fundamentalists.

Mohtashemi described Gorbachev as "holding the Marxist sword of Lenin and Stalin in one hand and the 'poisonous bayonet' of the American White House in the other, taking aim at the heart of Islam and Muslims."

There is another side to the Azeri coin. Two members of Parliament have been criticised in the Tehran press for making speeches in the chamber in Azeri, a Turkic language not related to Persian.

That seemed to show concern that Azeri nationalism might become a centrifugal force in Iran as well. Nine million Azeris form almost a fifth of Iran's population.

Turkey also has an Azeri minority, some of whom feel that Ankara is rather too cool about the crisis across the border.

Contacts

Trade contacts with the Soviet Union have grown but the border remains tightly guarded. Apart from a far-north bit of Norway it is the only land frontier between Nato and the Soviet Union.

While the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia was killing more than 40 Turkish diplomats and relatives abroad between 1973 and 1984, the high state of the Turkish-Soviet border nullified Soviet Armenia as a potential guerrilla base.

It is the Armenians that Turkey now sees as the villains of the Transcaucasian conflict.

A senior official in Ankara's Foreign Ministry told Reuters that "Soviet Armenia initiated the conflict with its territorial demands, forcing Azerbaijan into a confrontation with the Soviet Union. This is their political gain."

"It is no secret that Soviet Armenian from time to time put forth demands for border changes involving Turkey," he added.

Referring to Turkey's continuing struggle to head off a bill in the US Congress endorsing Armenian charges of genocide at the close of World War One, he said passage would mean a big boost for those who have designs on Turkish territory.

## Letters to the editor

## Why Muslims?

SIR: In response to the article dated Jan 22, (Kuna) dateline London: What's wrong with this picture...

Here we are again, another place, another time, the same story...the women's Islamic headscarf (the hijab) is banned. This time it's in a British school. Recently the same situation came up in both France and Turkey. What is going on here? What is this intolerance of Islamic practices that is sprouting up across the globe? What are the implications we are talking about here? And, finally, what the hell is everyone so afraid of?

Let's take these questions one by one in order to analyze this situation as accurately as possible.

First of all the question of what is actually going on here. Well, first of all, if a girl or a woman were wearing a headscarf in order to keep off the rain, the sun or the cold there isn't a single person alive who would blink an eye or say a word. And if a girl or a woman were to put on a long loose dress for the sake of fashion or the weather nobody would notice a thing, nor would they care even if they did notice. And when Christians wear crosses around their necks and Jews wear "stars of David," and Yankas on their heads, and nuns habits, nothing is ever mentioned at all. But when Muslim girls and women wear headscarves and long loose dresses, which are not optional dress, by the way, but are mandatory and binding on every female over the age of puberty, the people get in an uproar and the relative governmental authorities have fits. It is, first of all, quite obvious that, to these people, Muslims are intolerable, especially if they cannot force them to confine their religious practices to the interiors of their homes or to the mosques (which the Muslims in these places have been allowed to build in the first place).

Secondly, true practising Muslims are very law-abiding, model citizens (nothing like the so-called Muslim terrorists that are constantly being sensationalized in the media these days), but they are ultimately answerable to a higher order, that of God, which is why Muslim females are so vehement in following such injunctions.

These people must realize that Islam isn't a religion that is simply practiced on Sabbath days and then put on the back shelf for the rest of the week, as is done in mainstream Christianity and Judaism, as well as other world religions in general, but Islam is a way of life. Muslims are supposed to remember God twenty-four hours a day, all the days of the year, and do their best to obey God's orders at all times. So, for Muslim women to take off their headscarves, it would be a major sin, which is why they aren't willing to bow to pressure if they are put to test.

The second question to be asked is: What is all this intolerance of Muslims all about? In order to come to any conclusion about this we would have to first acknowledge that Islam as a religion and a way of life is a major world force. It is widely known that there is a vast increase in the amount of people converting to Islam every year. Islam is the second largest religion in the world, second to Christianity which is largely divided into several different theological sects. Islam is a monotheistic religion, based on the belief in one God (Allah) and the belief that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is his last prophet. Muslims are not only moderately practising, but they are also very law-abiding and model citizens. They are not only law-abiding, but they are also very law-abiding and model citizens. They are not only law-abiding, but they are also very law-abiding and model citizens.

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Mia Ponzio, Sahva.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1695 — Mustafa II succeeds as Sultan of Turkey on death of Ahmad II.

1822 — Greek independence is proclaimed formally.

1865 — Treaty between Spain and Peru virtually recognizes Peru's independence.

1914 — Haiti's president Oreste Abdicades during revolt, and US Marines land to preserve order.

1943 — US bombers stage first all-US air raid on Germany in World War II — a daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven; Germany begins civil conscription of women.

1944 — Soviet city of Leningrad is liberated completely from Germans in World War II.

1947 — Regional Advisory Commission for the Pacific is established.

1950 — United States agrees to provide arms to Nato members.

1964 — France establishes diplomatic relations with China.

1967 — Three US Apollo astronauts die in flash fire aboard space capsule; United States, Soviet Union and 60 other nations sign treaty to limit military activities in outer space.

1969 — Fourteen men, including nine Jews, are executed in Iraq on charges of spying for Israel.

1973 — Accords are signed in Paris ending Vietnam war.

1987 — Fear grows for safety of Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, who vanished previous week in Lebanon while trying to negotiate release of foreign hostages.

1988 — West German man is kidnapped in Syrian-controlled west Beirut by gunmen, some of them in police uniforms.

1989 — Czechoslovakia announces plans to cut its armed forces by 12,000 men and to reduce its army by 15 per cent in following two years.

## Reformers break away from party

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia. (AP): Communist reformers and hard-liners locked horns at what is likely to be their last Yugoslav party congress together, and in the end the reformers stalked out.

The hard-liners were left with the uncertain legacy of 45 years of monopoly rule and a name that no longer rings true — the Communist Party of Yugoslavia.

The reformers from Slovenia, the nation's most liberal republic, declared they were severing relations with the national party and essentially announced plans to form an independent regional party.

Hard-liners from Serbia — which has the most party members of any of the country's six republics and two autonomous provinces — had argued that a strong centralised party was imperative to preserve Yugoslavia's federation.

Without it, they said, the country would fall apart.

Many other Yugoslavs disagree, believing the Communist Party monopoly looks out of date in a country once hailed as Eastern Europe's pioneer reformer, but now overtaken by neighbours racing toward multiparty democracy.

## Disolution

The "disolution of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia is in no way the end of Yugoslavia," declared the Vjesnik newspaper of the Republic of Croatia — only a step behind Slovenia in its determination to make changes.

After three days of heated debate, the Serbians and their conservative leader Slobodan Milosevic were left with the remnants of a fractured party.

"The Communist Party of Yugoslavia no longer exists," proclaimed a headline in the increasingly outspoken party daily Borba.

Even before the congress met to draft a policy for the future, the Yugoslav government made clear it considered the party irrelevant to its reform plans.

Reformist Premier Ante Markovic has pledged to create legal guarantees for a multiparty system and free elections due in most republics in April.

On the eve of the congress, Deputy Premier Zivko Pregl told journalists the government plans constitutional amendments to scrap the party's guaranteed leading role.

Then, on the second day of the congress Sunday, Pregl was even more specific.

"In the future," he declared, "the Communist Party of Yugoslavia will only be relevant to the extent it succeeds in elections."

As exhausted delegates filed out of the congress hall at 4am Tuesday when the congress was formally adjourned — allegedly to be resumed at some unspecified date — Markovic himself assured the country, "Yugoslavia will function with or without its Communist Party."

More than 70 independent groups and parties have been formed in Yugoslavia over the past year, most of them in Slovenia and Croatia. Elections are due in Slovenia in April.

## Concern at US reliance on Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain, Jan 26, (AP): The Defence Department may seize on predictions of increased American dependency on Gulf oil to bolster arguments against US Navy budget cuts in the next fiscal year, US officials say.

Further downstream, they said, the same forecast — that US reliance on Gulf oil will double by 1995 — might prove useful in countering any cost-motivated move to dismantle US Central Command, the Florida-based headquarters that has overall responsibility for American military affairs in the volatile region.

But the impact of such projections is open to question, diplomats say. One said congressional review of US commitments to the Gulf would be more likely to focus on any "perceived threat" to the oil supply than on the amount of oil involved.

Navy officers already have expressed concern that the US Congress, in reassessing defence spending in the light of easing East-West tensions, might undercut the navy's traditional role as an arm of US foreign policy in distant, trouble-prone areas such as the Gulf.

Appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, CIA director William Webster predicted that US oil imports from the Gulf will "rise dramatically" from 40 to about 240 million barrels a year by 1995. He also predicted that US reliance on Gulf oil would probably reach that level by 1995, due to growing competition and declining supplies from other sources including domestic producers.

In theory, said diplomats, this could strengthen the US navy's case for remaining "forward deployable" around the world. Already the navy has disclosed plans to mothball two of its four World War II-era battleships, and is under cost pressure on submarine, carrier and other major weapons programmes.

But one diplomatic source called it unlikely that lawmakers would take two- to five-year projections about oil imports into account in budget plans for fiscal 1991, beginning Oct 1.

US officials said concern about budget cutbacks is shared at US central command, which oversees American military affairs in 19 countries from northeast Africa to Pakistan.

This includes overall command of US forces in the Gulf, where declared US policy is to keep sea lanes open and discourage efforts by the Soviets to expand their influence in the strategic waterway.

**Tehran boosts its air defence**

NICOSIA, Jan 26, (Reuters): Iran yesterday said it had doubled its missile and air defence capabilities since the Gulf war ceasefire and slammed Iraqi missile tests as a sign of Baghdad's war-mongering.

The Iranian news agency Irna quoted Air Force Commander General Mansour Sattari as saying Iran would deploy anti-aircraft guns it has begun to mass produce in its 11th revolution anniversary next month.

Sattari said Iran had doubled its missile and air defence capability since the August 1988 ceasefire with Iraq, reported Irna without elaborating.

In another report, the agency said the Iranian Parliament's foreign policy committee described Iraqi missile tests as a sign of Baghdad's "war-mongering tendencies" in a letter to world Parliaments.

Last month Iraq successfully tested two new ground-to-ground missiles with a range of 2,000 km (1,200), capable of reaching any point in Iran from Iraqi soil.

The committee urged other parliaments to press Iraq for a speedy implementation of UN Security Council resolution 598, the basis of a settlement between Iran and Iraq.

UN-sponsored peace talks have stalled as Iran insists that Iraq should pull out from Iranian border areas as stipulated in the resolution's article one and Baghdad proposes direct talks to reach a common understanding of the resolution with Iran.

## US pulls out minesweepers from Gulf

WASHINGTON, Jan 26, (AP): Three US minesweepers operating in the Gulf will return to the United States because of a reduced mine threat in the waterway, the Pentagon announced yesterday.

The ships — the USS Estoc, USS Enhance, and the USS Conquest — were expected to return to their home ports on the West Coast, the Pentagon said in a statement.

The redeployment "in no way reflects a decrease in the US commitment to the area," the statement said.

"The US is firmly committed to promoting the stability of the Gulf region. The free flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz

and the principle of freedom of navigation are vitally important to our country," the statement said.

In mid-1987, there was a US naval buildup in the Gulf in the wake of the Iran-Iraq war, during which some 540 commercial ships were damaged or sank.

The US sharply increased its forces to protect US shipping, as well as to escort Kuwaiti-owned tankers registered under the Stars and Stripes.

Although Pentagon officials declined to say exactly how many US ships were operating in the Gulf, they said some 20 US ships were operating in the vicinity of the Indian Ocean.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said the last moored mine discovered in the vital Gulf waterway was found 18 months ago, but that others could remain there, mostly leftovers from the eight-year Iraq-Iran war.

Asked how many other US Navy ships were in the area, Williams vaguely noted only that "there are normally between seven and 20 ships in the Gulf and the north Arabian Sea, and that number depends on if there is a carrier battle group there or not."

He appeared unable to say how many ships were there now.

The defence spokesman also said the US

European allies endorsed the ships' removal, but could not say what the status of their mine-sweeping operation in the Gulf was.

The Iranian parliament Thursday called on lawmakers throughout the world to pressure Iraq into abiding by a United Nations resolution to end the Gulf war, Tehran Radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said the Foreign Relations Commission of Majlis, or parliament, called on parliamentarians throughout the world to "prevent Iraq from obstructing the resolution, and pressure Iraq into abiding by the treaty without delay."

## Israeli jets bomb Abu Nidal bases

### DFLP fighters ambush Jewish forces in S. Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, Jan 26, (Agencies): Israeli warplanes blasted bases belonging to three Palestinian groups in south Lebanon yesterday in apparent retaliation for the killing of an Israeli colonel in an ambush, police said.

They said one man was killed and three people were wounded. A formation of four jets fired 16 rockets in two sorties at 3:57 pm (13:57 GMT) on bases of the Fatah-Revolutionary Council led by Abu Nidal, the Palestine Liberation Front and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by George Habbash.

"We vacated our bases Sunday in anticipation of an Israeli attack after the heroic operation at Yarmouk," the official said.

The raid came five days after Arab fighters shot and killed Col Yitzhak Rahimov in Israel's self-proclaimed security zone. He was the highest-ranking Israeli officer to be killed in Lebanon since Israel withdrew the bulk of its forces in 1985.

Fatah-RC claimed responsibility for the attack at the village of Yaron, one mile (1.6 kms) north of the international border.

A communiqué from Abu Nidal's group later said the attack was only the first step in Israel's retaliation for the death of the Israeli colonel.

"This is not the retaliation," the communiqué said of Thursday's attack. "This is only the beginning of the retaliation."

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli army said in a statement "Air force planes attacked a target some nine km (six miles) east of Sidon, used as a base of the Abu Nidal organisation."

All aircraft returned safely, the army said.

Witnesses at the scene of the strike said black smoke billowed over the flattened building as ambulances arrived to evacuate casualties.

Palestinian and Muslim fighters in South Lebanon were placed on alert after Thursday's raid and one Palestinian source said they expected more attacks in retaliation for Rahimov's death.

An Israeli soldier was wounded today when a roadside bomb exploded under his tank in the zone Israel controls in south Lebanon, security sources said.

The latest occurred at 11:30 am (0930 GMT) as the tank was heading toward an Israeli post in the southern village of Baraachit.

One source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the wounded soldier was evacuated by ambulance from Baraachit to the border town of Bint Jbeil, where he was flown by an Israeli helicopter to a hospital in Israel.

Also today, a Palestinian group said a squad of its fighters ambushed an Israeli army patrol in the same region, killing and wounding nine Israeli soldiers.

The Marxist-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said the Israeli patrol was ambushed at 6 am (0400 GMT) in a narrow valley near the village of Taibeh.

"The Zionist enemy and its surrogates of the south Lebanon Army militia rushed tank-led reinforcements to the confrontation region in an effort to encircle our comrades, who had succeeded in wiping out the Israeli patrol," the DFLP said in a statement issued in Beirut.

A later DFLP statement, sent by fax to the Associated Press in Nicosia, Cyprus, said that nine Israelis were killed or wounded and that the attack was in retaliation for Thursday's Israeli air raid on Palestinian targets in Lebanon.

The bases in Kfar Jarra, the Majdalyoun valley and Mrah El-Hbas respectively, are clustered in an area about a mile (about 1-1/2 kms) away from hilltop villages controlled by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon army 10 miles (15 kms) east of this port city.

An official of the pro-Syrian, Marxist PLF to Talaat Yacoub said the dead man belonged to his group.

An official of Fatah-RC said the radical faction suffered no casualties.



Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid (left) and Israeli Vice-Premier Shimon Peres pose for photographers as they shake hands at the entrance of the Foreign Ministry in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Weizman quizzed on PLO contacts

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 26, (Reuters): Israeli police have questioned Jewish Science Minister Ezer Weizman about his alleged contacts with the PLO, security sources said today.

The interrogation was part of a criminal investigation ordered by Attorney-General Yosef Harish after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused Weizman of holding illegal contacts with a hostile terrorist organisation.

The sources said police commissioner David Krauss questioned the minister in his Jerusalem office yesterday about a reported meeting with the PLO representative in Geneva and telephone contacts with an Israeli Arab visiting PLO headquarters in Tunis.

Weizman, a former air force chief and architect of the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, has repeatedly said Israel should negotiate with the PLO for peace in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He has said the Geneva meeting was a chance encounter and the telephone contacts with Ahmed Tibi, a Jerusalem doctor who has acted as a go-between with the PLO on humanitarian affairs, were authorised by

Vice-Premier Shimon Peres.

Shamir fired Weizman on Dec 31 over the alleged contacts but reinstated him two days later after Peres' Labour Party threatened to leave the government. However, Weizman was dropped from the policy-making 12-man inner cabinet.

Tibi told Reuters he had not violated Israeli law since his contacts with the PLO were authorised as part of efforts to gain the release of Israeli prisoners held in Lebanon.

He said he had not been questioned by the police or notified of any investigation into his contacts in Tunis.

US Secretary of State James Baker denied that a breakthrough in Middle East peace efforts was imminent and distanced himself from Israeli Vice-Premier Shimon Peres who said agreement was close on an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

"I'm not sure that I would have used the characterisation that Mr Peres used," Baker told reporters after meeting North Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan told Belgian Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens yesterday that he has serious concerns about proposals for mass immigration of Soviet Jews to neighbouring Israel, the official news agency Petra reported.

## Rival human rights protests held in Tehran

NICOSIA, Jan 26, (Agencies): Relatives of executed dissidents and repentant activists staged rival protests at the UN office in Tehran yesterday, demanding to meet a UN human rights envoy, according to official Iranian and opposition reports.

The official Irna news agency said a crowd of 200, including former prisoners who had renounced their links to the Mujahideen Khalq opposition group, demanded to see UN human rights commission investigator Reynaldo Gaidino Pohl.

The Iraq-based Mujahideen said in a telex from Baghdad that families of jailed or executed political

prisoners gathered for a fourth consecutive day to meet and give evidence to Pohl.

It said only a small number of 1,000 people with complaints about human rights violations had so far managed to see him. They had asked him to extend his stay beyond the planned eight days, it added.

The Mujahideen Khalq opposition group said that relatives of people tortured and executed by the government clashed with police on Wednesday outside the UN mission in Tehran.

### Killed

CAIRO, Jan 26, (Reuters): Police shot dead a Muslim militant sought for anti-government activity during a clash in Cairo today, security sources said.

The Jamaa Al Islamia is one of several small, outlawed groups operating in poor districts of Egypt's towns and cities for the establishment of an Islamic state governed by Muslim law.

One of its members was killed in a clash with police on Monday night in the upper Egypt town of Assiut.

Its mentor is Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind theologian who was acquitted of inciting religious zealots to kill President Anwar Sadat at a Cairo military parade in 1981.

He is now on trial for alleged involvement in an unlawful protest which led to clashes with police in the oasis town of Fayoum last April.

The pledge to stage religious marches in public follows the sacking 13 days ago of Interior Minister Zaki Badr, a security supremo known for tough methods and crude language.

Mohammed Moussa, a career

police officer who replaced Badr, is known to be a strong upholder of law. But unlike Badr, he said he was willing to open dialogue with Muslim fundamentalists.

On Friday, about 300 Islamic militants tested Moussa's tolerance when they staged an unlawful rally outside a mosque in the poor Cairo district of Imbaba.

Security police kept a low profile and did not break up the street gathering, organised by the Jamaa Al Islamia.

And in Assiut police killed one militant and arrested 11 after a meeting in a mosque.



Arafat visits hospital

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat visited a Tunis hospital for tests on Tuesday after feeling dizzy, PLO sources said on Thursday. Arafat, chairman of the PLO, was back at work in good health on Wednesday, they said. Picture shows Arafat showing the Palestinian identity card which he received in Tunis on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Chems caused miscarriages

### Arafat blames Israel

MADRID, Jan 26, (Reuters): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has accused Israel of using "chemical weapons" against Palestinian protesters in the occupied territories and has said this caused 300,000 miscarriages.

In an interview published yesterday by the Spanish daily El Pais, Arafat also said he was under growing pressure from those involved in other intifada, or uprising, against Israel's rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to allow the use of weapons against Israeli forces.

He said there had been "more than 300,000 pregnancies lost because of the use of chemical weapons."

The Palestine Liberation Organisation chief said the cause of the miscarriages had been "proven by analyses carried out by a team of US and Belgian doctors."

There was no immediate Israeli comment on Arafat's statement. Doctors have said miscarriages have been caused by tear-gas used by Israeli forces against Palestinian rioters.

Arafat said Palestinians' patience was running out.

"We are facing growing pressure from our leaders and our masses, both inside and outside the occupied territories, to use weapons to defend our sons... our orders so far have been not to use weapons in the intifada," he said.

Arafat said dialogue between the United States and the PLO was deadlocked.

"The Washington administration has completely rejected the Palestinian 'peace' initiative and all other initiatives... It shows the US government only listens to the plan of (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir," he said.

Arafat said he would be content with a settlement similar to the UN plan for the independence of Namibia.

"We are not asking for the moon. I am asking that we be treated like Namibians were treated. Being a US plan, it worked very well. Why can't they repeat it in our occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank?" he said.

Israel dismissed as ridiculous the charge that it had used chemical weapons against Palestinians.

## Najib pledges to step down if ...

### Afghans to face famine

KABUL, Jan 26, (Agencies): President Najib said today the Soviet Union has maintained full military and economic aid to Afghanistan since completing the withdrawal of Red Army troops almost a year ago.

Najib, 43, also reiterated at a news conference his pledge to step down if it would end the 11-year-old civil war with US-backed Muslim rebels.

The war, including nine years of Soviet intervention to back the government, has claimed an estimated 1.5 million lives. More than five million Afghans — a third of the country's pre-war population — have fled to Pakistan and Iran.

Najib's plan for peace in Afghanistan, as he described it involves:

- Declaring a six-month ceasefire;
- Holding a national peace conference among the government, resistance groups and neutral leaders;
- Drafting a new constitution;
- Holding elections under international supervision;
- Forming a coalition government.

But he warned of increased fighting in lieu of peace efforts. "If the opposition launches more attacks, our response will be stronger and more crushing than ever before," Najib said.

Government forces hold Afghanistan's major cities and the guerrillas controlled most of the countryside.

The rebels have rejected any kind of power-sharing.

Najib said despite Moscow's non-involvement policy regarding the wave of reforms that has swept away communist leadership in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union continued to provide large amounts of military and economic aid to his country.

"We have not seen any sign which might demonstrate the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to fulfill its contractual commitment to its South Asian neighbour," he said.

Flanked by army troops carrying automatic rifles, Najib responded to written questions submitted in advance and answered questions from the floor.

## 24 killed in Tunisian floods

TUNIS, Jan 26, (AP): Authorities raised the death toll from widespread flooding this week to at least 24, with another 32 people missing and thousands homeless, the official TAP news agency reported yesterday.

The torrential rains struck the North African country on Monday slackened yesterday as the United Nations and foreign countries responded to government appeal for food, tents, water pumps and other emergency aid.

Flood waters receded in central and southern Tunisia, the region hit hardest by the storm, and overland links were re-established with the communities of Sidi Bouzid, Gafsa, Gabes, Tozeur and Kasserine, TAP reported.

About 14,000 homes were destroyed in the flooding, TAP said, and thousands of homeless people sought shelter in schools, mosques and public buildings. The Health Ministry issued a statement saying there appeared no risk of an epidemic.

Sixteen trucks loaded with medical and other relief supplies left Tripoli yesterday for flood-stricken Tunisia, the Libyan news agency Jana said.

Muslim militant demonstrators set fire to a car, attacked the headquarters of the provincial government and broke into the residence of the local governor in the Tunisian town of Sidi Bouzid.

## Egypt's Muslim militants pledge to march in streets in open defiance

CAIRO, Jan 26, (Reuters): Muslim militants have pledged to march in Egypt's streets in open defiance of newly-appointed Interior Minister Mohammed Moussa who has called for dialogue instead of confrontation.

"Mohammed Moussa's dialogue is with bullets," said a statement from the banned Jamaa Al Islamia (Islamic group) and made available to Reuters on Wednesday night.

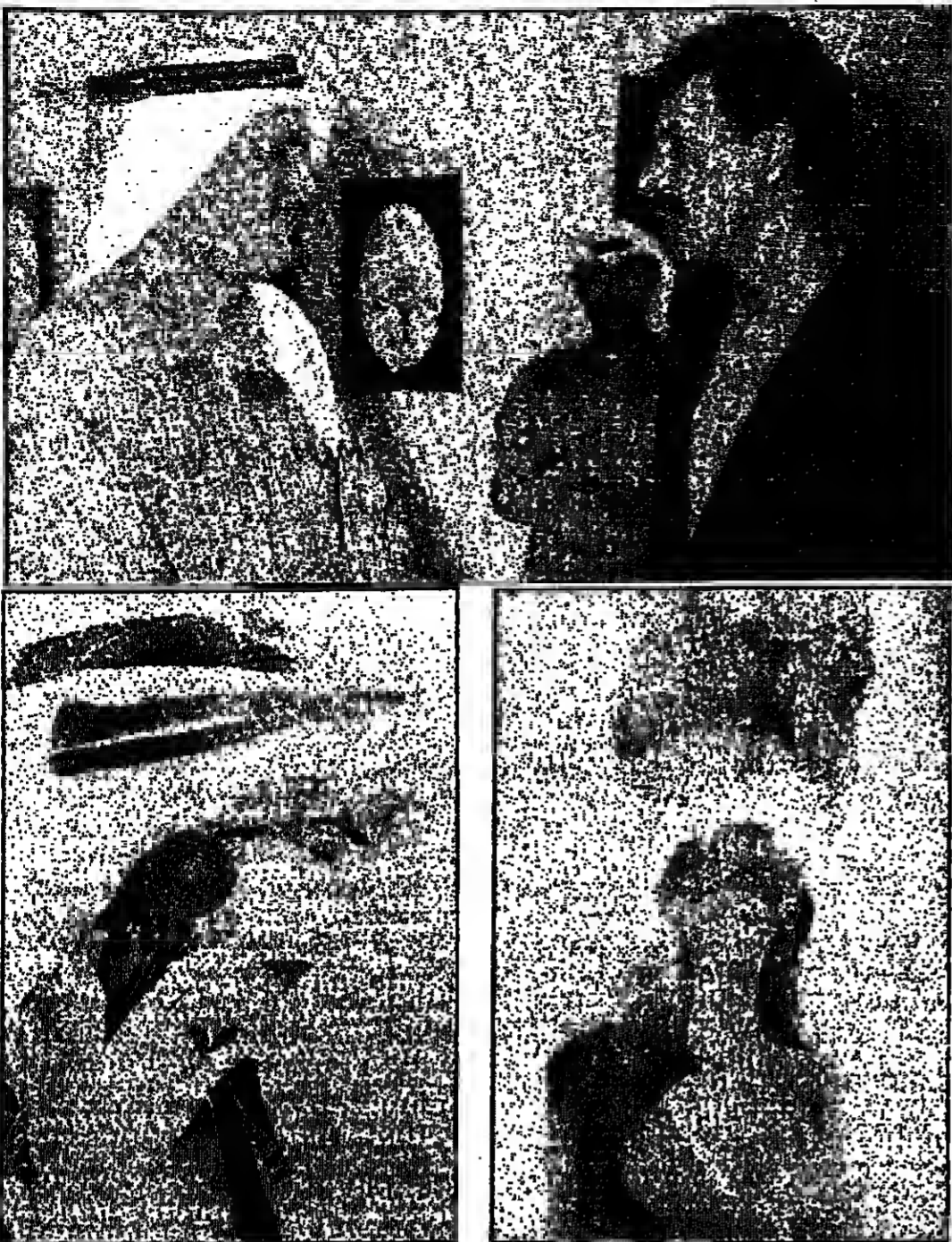
"Hence, the Jamaa retains its right to have processions... in streets and squares so long as the police insist on besieging mosques," the statement added.

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## EVENTS



Hani Muzhar at the Ghadir Gallery

The Iraqi artist, Hani Muzhar, is currently holding an exhibition at the Ghadir Gallery—Sahia Complex. The exhibition is open from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 pm to 8.30 pm, continuing until February 1, 1990. The pictures show Hani on the right (top) and some of his works.

## Japan film festival

TONIGHT'S film "The Hours of Weidock," will be screened at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium at 7.30 pm. All subtitles will be in Arabic.

The film's director is Kichitaro Negishi.

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.18 am
Zohr	12.01
Asr	3.01 pm
Maghreb	5.21
Isha	6.41

## TELEVISION PROGRAMME

## KTV 1

## MORNING PERIOD

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher news
- 9.50 Cartoon serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Ghoraha Fi Al Madeena: Arabic serial (part 1), starring Iman Al Toukhi, Mahmoud Al Jondi, Mimi Jamal, Tareq Dasouqi
- 11.30 Sabah Al Kher news
- 11.40 Wadaan Zaman Al Samt: Weekly Arabic serial (part 4)
- 12.25 News summary
- 12.30 Sabah Al Kher final
- 12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

## EVENING PERIOD

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
- 4.45 Beren: Cartoon serial
- 5.15 The Young Artist: Local children's programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Sheikh
- 5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
- 6.00 Al Fareso Al Aashiq: Historical serial (part 7)
- 7.00 Varieties
- 7.15 Noor Al Islam: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qader
- 7.45 Cultural programme
- 8.00 Security and citizens: Local programme
- 8.30 Good Evening and Local news
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Daerat Al Abdath: Local programme
- 10.15 Al Leabon Fi Al Nar: Arabic serial (part 6)
- 11.00 Thaib Al Nashama: Weekly Bedouin serial (part 6), starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Ali Al Mofeedi, Roushi Al Safadi

- 12.30 News summary
- 12.35 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.50 Holy Quran and closedown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 Adventures of Raggedy and Andy: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Orphans of The Wild: A look at owls, hedgehogs, snakes, crocodiles in their environments
- 7.00 The Ultimate Machine: Intuition and foresight. Physical and mental readiness for performing certain duties.
- 7.30 The Hogan Family: 'Liars and Other Strangers'. David makes his friends believe that he has a love affair with Candis when she starts studying with him.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Quantum Leap: 'Play It Again, Seymour'. Sam pretends that he is a private detective. He seeks the help of Al the invisible man when he was accused of killing his partner Philip.
- 9.30 The Great Wall of Iron: 'Better Expert Than Red'. The Chinese blacksmith... his living conditions. A look at other Chinese communities after the so called "cultural revolution".
- 10.30 Late night film: 'The Killing Floor'. Starring: Ryan Lake, Elvis Woodward. The story of a struggle between the black labourers and Butcher owners who terminated the services of their workers after the end of World War I.
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite



Sheikha Sabiha Al Abdulla looking around.



Some of the work on display.



Artists pleased with their products.

## Al Fatah club holds exhibition

An exhibition was recently organised to display gifted artists' works under the auspices of the Chairman of Al Fatah Club, Sheikhha Sabiha Al Abdulla.

The artistic works displayed at the exhibition were selected by an arbitration committee that united both formative artists and artistic supervisors. The exhibition was attended by 35 artists, most of them Kuwaitis. The guests praised the efforts of the Club's administration for the organisation.

## BBC World Service

## A kind of Alaska

HAROLD PINTER makes a rare appearance in his own play which describes in moving and powerful terms the case of a patient who fell victim to the sleeping sickness at the age of 16. Twenty-nine years later she is "woken up" to the powerful realisation that she has lost almost 30 years of her life. The play also stars Anna Massey and Carole Boyd.

Saturday, January 27 at 22:01 and

Monday, January 29 at 18:15.

## International recital

THE Barbican trio was formed in 1986 at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and made their debut at the International Musicians Seminar at Graz, Austria. They are now one of Britain's most sought-after ensembles and listeners can hear them perform two piano trios: Haydn's No. 25 Hob. XV in E minor, and Mendelssohn's No. 1 in D minor; Op. 49, in the opening concert of this year's series of five International Recitals from the BBC Concert Hall in London.

Sunday, January 28 at 18:15.

## Off the shelf: The lost domain

LE GRAND Meaulnes is the only novel to be written by the French writer Alain Fournier. It is the story of Le Grand Meaulnes who plays truant from his secondary school in Sainte-Agathe and returns three days later, his life changed for ever. Translated by Frank Division it is read by Michael Williams and can be heard Monday to Friday over the next three weeks.

Monday, January 29 at 18:15.

## Write on

PADDY FEENEY is back on the air with more listeners letters. If you have something to say about World Service programmes you can write to Paddy at Bush House, PO Box, London WC2.

Thursday, February 1 at 10:30 and 17:45.

Recommended frequencies are: 17.6MHz/17.01m; 15.07MHz/19.91m; 11.76MHz/25.51m.

## ARTS

**Tribal Rugs & Oriental Prints**  
THE Sultan Gallery extended their Tribal Rugs and Oriental Prints exhibition until Jan 31. The gallery is open from 9.30 am to 12.30 noon and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information contact: 2421951.

## Seminar

THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art to The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration may be made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

## SOCIAL

## Bar-B-Q

IAC is organising its first Bar-B-Q night with the Octave group. Programmes start at 7 pm includes music, dance, games, and vegetarian and non-vegetarian bar-b-q. Entries are restricted by passes only. For details contact Sharma at 2644863, Sunny at 4343329, Jacouh 4319549, George 4735972.

## Raqs Sharqi

INTENSIVE courses (January and February) in Raqs Sharqi, the classical dance form of the Middle East. For details call 4836021.

## Konkani drama

THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Sousarant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funnites) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parna and Menino de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

## Sax sur Aawaz

SA'AZ sur Aawaz which is one of the leading Indian musical groups with complete orchestra presents their fourth musical programme entitled "Bhule Bane Gae" covering hit songs of yesteryears at the Indian Arts Circle, Funnites on Friday, Feb 2, 1990 at 6 pm. There will also be lucky draw prizes. For Passes call 3985456/3610224/5638026 after 4 pm.

## NRI Forum lecture on Taxation and Investments

NRI Investors Forum is holding a lecture session at Indian Embassy on Tuesday, the 30th January at 7.30 pm. The meeting would be addressed by a visiting expert from India. All Indians are welcome.

## Hobby centre

A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making. For more details call: Telephone: 5618847 or 5317354.

## II Annual one act Play Competition

INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Act Play Competition to be held during Eid holidays in April, 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play (1st, 2nd & 3rd), best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funnites. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

## Carnival Fiesta '90

YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messilah Beach Hotel (Habiba) on Feb 22, '90.

Non-stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of latest sensation "Hurricane Alley" and "Neighbour". Highlights: Best Carnival couple (fancy) and many many prizes. For details contact the organisers on Tel. 2450279 (between 8 am to 1 pm) or Tel. 3921712.

## The Carnival Nite (By the Entertainers)

IN the arena of entertainment 'The Entertainers' welcomes all to witness their 'Carnival Nite' at the Ramada Salam Hotel's (Le Mirage Ballroom) on the 22nd February (Thursday) 1990 commencing from 9:00 pm onwards.

Special highlights will be: Parade by King Momo. Crowning of Carnival Queen by King Momo. Samba dance competition and group prizes, and many more to be announced.

Music will be specially created for this occasion to be performed by "Top Ranks" & "Perfect Strangers" be there as its "Viva la Carnival".

## Soviet Ballet

STARS of the Soviet Ballet, featuring the Russian Ballet Company of Moscow will be touring Kuwait on February 2 and 3. They will perform 130 minute shows at Al Andalus Cinema, Hawalli. On Friday, Feb 2, the show will start at 6.00 pm. On Saturday, Feb 3, it will start at 8.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale starting Thursday 10.00 am to 8.00 pm. Friday throughout the day and during the following week at the box office.

## Kerala's Drama Competition

KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (KALPAK) is conducting a Malayalam One Act Play Competition at Indian Arts Circle on 9th February 1990.

## Caledonian Society

The Annual Burns Night Supper will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Thursday, February 1st. For further information and ticket reservation phone: 5335082, 5332235 or 3727691 ext. 253.

## British Council

Bookworm Cootest: The British Council is launching a bookworm cootest open to children aged 7-15 years. Read as many books as you can. Have fun reading and win prizes. Register now at the British Council Library. Closing date for registration: Jan 27, 1990.

Ladies International League L.I.L. co-educational morning will be held on Monday 29 January from 10 am to 12 noon at the Sheraton Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait and L.I.L. are most welcome. For more information call Ann on 5316905.

...Like a Hurricane! SEVENTH Sky's Rock Concert at Al Andalus Cinema on 15th & 16th Feb '90. Featuring Rock, Pop/Rock and Rock 'n' Roll from the 80's. For information and reservation call 5730265/2543219.

## SPORTS

## Bhutto Cup

KUWAIT Cricket League is organising a cricket match between the teams of Indian and Pakistani veterans living in Kuwait, at K.C.L. ground on 2nd February 1990. The match will start at 9 am.

Kuwait Cricket takes this opportunity and announce that a lucky draw will be held with at least fifty prizes which includes colour TV, VCR, sewing machine, watches, cameras and many more household items are waiting for the winners.

All are cordially invited. For further information please call, tel. 5332052 S. Rizvi.

## Daniella Tennis 1990

Daniella organises again this year a tennis tournament for Dames. You can participate in ladies singles, men's singles and "social doubles". All Danish tennis players are welcome. Both beginners and more experienced. For further details and registration please call Carsten - 2402696 (office) or 3710215 ext. 27 (private) before Friday, Feb 2.



## Counsellors luncheon at SAS

Economic and commercial counsellors, association of all embassies in Kuwait had their last monthly meeting at the SAS Kuwait Hotel. The Chairman of the association is Peter Muerz, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil firms, Opec eyes E. European markets

## Oil price heading back to \$28

LONDON, Jan 26 (Reuters). Oil prices are heading back up again and could hit \$28 a barrel by 1995, British investment house Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW) said.

"Economic turmoil in the USSR, the world's biggest producer, is combining with declining production in the USA and rising consumption to make the world once again increasingly reliant on Opec oil," BZW said in a study.

BZW said the potential for a sharp rise in oil prices, like those of 1973-4 and 1979-80, would exist in two to three years.

"Only massive capital investment over the next couple of years can avoid this danger," it added.

BZW said the spare production capacity which had depressed oil prices since 1980-1 was being exhausted by growing oil demand.

"Over 80 per cent of what little spare

capacity is left will be concentrated in four countries... Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Iraq," it said.

"This will make the world oil market highly vulnerable to any disruption of supplies from this unstable region."

BZW also said in the survey that refining profits were set to continue their recent improvement, adding that this pointed to upward pressure on pump prices.

In an another development a slide in exports from the Soviet Union to traditional East European markets is pushing extra business towards Opec suppliers.

Western and Arab oil companies also see long-term business prospects in East Europe in the "downstream" market, in sales of refined product all the way to the filling station pump.

"Eastern Europe is exceedingly hard

work although it is going to be a very exciting market for the future," said James Alexander, an executive with the British Burmah Oil Co.

Burmah, which specialises in supplying lubricants and is a trailblazer in Eastern Europe, clinched a joint venture with Poland last year and has sales in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Industry officials say the technique is to get in early and establish contacts.

But anyone who wants to make money out of oil in Eastern Europe must also be ready to deal with a cumbersome bureaucracy and to face the fact that initial volumes may not be very large.

There is also pressure from the cash-strapped states of Eastern Europe to trade on barter terms, not for hard currency.

Middle East members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Coun-

tries would appear to be the first beneficiaries, particularly if they are willing like Iraq and Iran to barter oil for arms on other goods.

Iraq has been supplying some 200,000 barrels per day (BPD) to Eastern Europe, mostly for arms.

"The Soviet lease is being loosened in every way. East Europe must turn to Opec," said Mehdi Varzi, chief oil analyst at London-based Kleinwort Benson Securities.

Moscow is proposing to curb concessional oil sales to Eastern Europe and ask for more hard currency at market prices after 1991. Declining Soviet output is already a constraint.

Oil sales to Eastern Europe reached 750,000 BPD in 1989 and Varzi, who detects a sharper-than-usual seasonal drop in Soviet supply for this time of year, thinks they could rise by as much as 500,000 BPD in 1990.

Romania has doubled the volume its buys under a government deal with Iran to 112,000 BPD and Bulgaria recently went to Iran for a quick 265,000 tonnes of crude.

Czechoslovakia says that its Soviet deliveries will be down 20 per cent in January although Prague officials added that the Russians said they would make up the volume later.

Varzi cautioned there will be limits to the extent the changes in the former communist bloc will enlarge Opec's market.

"Eastern Europe is not the Far East," he said, referring to the surge in petroleum demand which has been fuelled by Asia's booming economies.

In Eastern Europe net demand seems much less robust and Opec is initially only likely to be called on to make up the slack in Soviet supply.

"Economic dislocation is likely to precede any economic boom so that oil demand could well decline for a while," said Fergus Macleod, an analyst for brokerage Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

"In the short term it will not help Opec very much," said Geoff Pyne, an energy economist with brokers UBS-Phillips and Drew. "By the mid-1990s you would expect more demand, even though there will be greater energy efficiency."

Steve Turner of stockbrokers Smith New Court thought that more efficient use of energy which is likely to result from restructuring and from the import of Western technology could keep a lid even on future oil demand.

"We could see fewer subsidies and higher product prices," he said. "They are dreadfully wasteful at the moment. Energy is being used to produce goods that nobody wants."

Soviets to strengthen energy ties with Kuwait

## Moscow ready to explore for water

KUWAIT, Jan 26 (Kuna). Soviet Geology Minister Gregory Cabriehants yesterday said here that the aim of his visit to Kuwait was to establish co-operation contacts in the oil and gas fields.

In a press conference he held at Kuwait Regency Palace, the Soviet official said he conferred with Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa last Tuesday and offered five proposals.

The proposals included joint co-operation in exploring for oil and gas in any place of the world, particularly in South Yemen, examining the Kuwaiti earth layers, offering oil consultation to Kuwait, study the Kuwaiti desert and explore for water in Kuwait, the minister said.

In response to a question regarding Soviet oil exploration in North Yemen, specially after the planned unity between the two Yemens, he said the Soviet Union will not risk to explore for oil there where some US and French companies are working, but "we worked in South Yemen for a long time."

He described the Arab-USSR relations as "very good" and

there will not be any changes in the relationship after the policy of perestroika in the Soviet Union.

Regarding co-operation between the apartheid regime in South Africa and Israel in the nuclear sphere the official said "we condemned such co-operation because the international law forbids any nuclear technology co-operation."

The Soviet minister clarified that until recently there were no scientific or technical co-operation agreements between Israel and the USSR. "But I do not have any idea about the results of the recent visit of Israeli minister of science to Moscow," he elaborated.

Early today, Gregory met with Kuwait's chairman of Kuwait External Oil Exploration (Santa Fe) Company Faisal Al-Khalifa and vice-chairman and managing director of Kuwait National Petroleum Company Abdulrazzaq Mula Hussein on bilateral co-operation in the oil exploration field.

The minister who was appointed only six months ago as geology

minister, has worked as college professor and chairman of the Soviet Oil Institute. He has written many books on oil and geology.

He arrived here last Monday on an official four-day visit to Kuwait.

Meanwhile world oil prices ended mixed yesterday in a roller-coaster market with prices rising on rumours that oil terminals in Soviet Azerbaijan had been blown up by insurgents and then falling when the rumours proved unfounded.

Prices opened lower on the New York Mercantile Exchange as a result of the America Petroleum Institute's late report that US supplies of heating oil and gasoline had a relatively large rise last week.

In the market rebounded to a midday high after large traders began buying aggressively on reports that oil shipping terminals around Baku, Azerbaijan, which handles an estimated 4 to 5 per cent of the Soviet Union's oil exports, had been destroyed by explosions in the continuing ethnic turmoil.

## Saudis to seek Japanese markets

Long-term oil supplies sought

TOKYO, Jan 26 (Reuters). Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and Foreign Minister Taro Nakasama today that the kingdom hoped to enter Japan's oil refining and retailing markets.

A senior Foreign Ministry official quoted Nazer as saying such a move could ensure stable oil supplies for Japan and that Saudi Arabia wanted to become Japan's biggest supplier.

Nazer also extended to Kaifu a message from King Fahd that Saudi Arabia would try to keep energy supplies to Japan stable, the official said.

In separate meetings with Nazer, neither Kaifu nor Nakasama responded to his remarks on Saudi hopes to enter "downstream" markets in Japan, the official said.

However, oil industry executives and government officials have said Japan is ready to open its huge domestic oil-products market to the Middle East, and offer cash and technology in exchange for stable supplies in the 1990s.

Nazer began meeting informally with top Japanese officials this morning after arriving in Tokyo on Thursday. He visited Indonesia and South Korea before arriving here.

He will meet International Trade and Industry Minister Hikaru Matsunaga and oil industry executives on Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia has lost its top supplier status and now trails the United Arab Emirates, the Foreign Ministry official said.

Official figures released late today showed Saudi Arabia fell to third place in December, behind

Indonesia.

Nakasama told Nazer Japan sought Saudi Arabia's support on long-term oil supplies for the Japanese-controlled Arabian Oil Company (AOC).

Concession rights for AOC, which produces crude in the neutral zone between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, expire at the turn of the century.

Last year the kingdom provided South Korea with 36,000 bpd of crude, representing some 4.5 per cent of its annual needs of 812,000 bpd. Under a new agreement, this figure could be boosted to 30 per cent.

South Korea currently buys around 55 per cent of its oil from the spot market with the remainder being supplied under long-term contracts with a number of oil-producing countries including Iran, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Oil consumption in the fast-developing Asian country is increasing by about 10 per cent a year.

Senior officials with the South Korean Energy and Resources Ministry were quoted as saying that the country was extremely keen to expand the scope of co-operation with Saudi Arabia.

Nazer's visit to South Korea followed a five-day stay in fellow Opec member country Indonesia where he reviewed the current oil market situation and Opec's market stabilisation measures in a meeting with President Suharto.

During his tour, the Saudi minister has been striving to secure joint ventures in the refining and marketing sectors as part of the kingdom's efforts to diversify into downstream operations with foreign partners.

## W. Germany opens new futures exchange

FRANKFURT, Jan 26 (Reuters). West German financial markets took a big leap into the future today with the start of a new computerised options and futures exchange.

"A new era of bourse trade has begun in West Germany with the start of DTB (Deutsche Terminboerse)," the exchange's supervisory board chairman, Rolf Breuer, told reporters.

"The start of DTB is a quantum jump for us," said Breuer, a management board member of Deutsche Bank.

DTB is West Germany's ninth securities exchange, but its first computerised bourse.

The new exchange was more sophisticated and advanced than other futures exchanges in London and Chicago, Breuer said.

West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel praised the new exchange and said it would help strengthen the competitiveness of West German financial markets.

"Domestic and foreign investors will be able to trade options and futures - necessary instruments for an attractive financial market - in West Germany," he said in Bonn.

West German banks, anxious to secure a hold in global markets and prevent more business from flowing to London and other centres, have spent

more than 70 million marks (\$41 million) since the DTB was founded in June, 1988.

They spent many times that amount to set up their own in-house DTB trading centres and to train thousands of employees on the workings of options and futures.

Stock options are used by investors to hedge against significant fluctuations in share prices. An option gives the investor the right to buy or sell a specified number of shares, within a certain period, at a predetermined price.

Today, more than 12,000 such options - on 14 leading West German shares - were traded on the new exchange.

Breuer estimates DTB will reach the break-even point when daily turnover reaches about 40,000 contracts.

Later this year, DTB will introduce futures contracts on the Dax share price index of 30 leading German stocks and on a West German federal government bond.

Options are being traded initially on the following stocks: Allianz-Holding, BASF, Bayer, BMW, Commerzbank, Daimler-Benz, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank, Hoechst, Mannesmann, Siemens, Thyssen, Veba and Volkswagen.

## Dollar eases

LONDON, Jan 26 (Reuters). The dollar closed weaker against the yen in Europe today as investor demand helped the Japanese currency consolidate gains this week.

But against the West German mark the dollar ended slightly firmer, lifted from early European lows by the release of data showing unexpected strength in the US economy.

"Attention has shifted to the yen... although I'm not convinced yen firmness is a new trend, the yen will continue to rise for a while in the immediate future," said Koichi Yamane, manager at Fuji Bank's foreign exchange section in London.

Dealers said the yen had started to rise this week as Japanese investors shifted back into yen securities before the Japanese fiscal year ends on March 31.

The Japanese currency also benefited from profit-taking and book squaring at the end of the week and from recent opinion polls, ahead of next month's Japanese general election, showing firm support for the country's ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The dollar closed in London at 143.28 yen compared with 144.60 on Thursday. It has lost more than three yen since Monday, when it closed at 146.40.

Against the mark it ended at 1.6925, a touch above its 1.6910 close on Thursday.

Common aviation policy planned

## EEC seeks greater powers

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan 26 (AP). The European Economic Community's executive commission is seeking greater powers to negotiate international air-traffic agreements with non-EEC countries, a senior official said yesterday.

Karel Van Miert, EEC Commissioner for transport, said the commission would seek approval from the 12 EEC member states to negotiate any new air-traffic agreements between any one of them and a non-EEC state, replacing the current system of bilateral agreements.

EEC transport ministers are expected to discuss the proposal later this year.

Van Miert said the community's aim was "not necessarily to reduce rights currently enjoyed by non-EEC airlines in Europe but to ensure equal chances for European airlines in international skies."

He said existing bilateral agreements would remain in effect but that clauses would have to be added to ensure the agreements were compatible with EEC aviation regulations.

But he said that because the commission did not have the staff or the information to cope with the constant updating and modifications of the existing air-service agreements, there would be a transition period until the end of 1992.

After that date, the commission would take charge of the 600 or so bilateral air agreements the 12 states currently have with about 85 countries and will hire more staff to do so, Van Miert said.

The commissioner said the EEC was aiming to build an "internal common aviation policy," so that in air-traffic talks the EEC would be considered as a single market and not 12 separate ones.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 26 (Reuters). The market shrugged off the impact of a sharply lower overnight close on wall street and closed stronger on demand for gold stocks. The All Ordinaries index rose 9.5 to 1,694.8.

TOKYO: Share prices heavily bidged most of the afternoon despite some buying on a mild rebound in bond prices. They edged to a lower close in modest trading. The Nikkei index closed at 36,874.07, down 95.04.

HONG KONG: Market holiday.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed mixed in moderate trading after speculative buying and bargain-hunting alternated with profit-taking. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 7.02 to 1,489.53.

BOMBAY: Public holiday.

FRANKFURT: Dealers shrugged off Thursday's 42-point drop in US share prices. The Dax index ended 6.55 points higher at 1,794.14.

ZURICH: Shares ended off early lows in

quiet trading on selected late buying interest. The SPI index slipped 4.3 points to 1,088.5.

PARIS: The CAC-40 index lost 6.48 points to 1,878.39. Attention was mainly on US economic data.

LONDON: Britain unveiled a record trade gap for 1989 but investors focused instead on better-than-expected monthly data for December. At 1706 GMT the FTSE index was up 24.6 points at 2,314.5.

## Pakistan and Iraq to expand trade ties

ISLAMABAD, Jan 26 (Kuna). Formal talks between Iraq and Pakistan began here yesterday to strengthen trade and economic ties.

Visiting Iraqi Minister for Trade and Economy Dr. Mohammad Mehdi Saleh led a 7-man delegation at the talks while Pakistan delegation was headed by Commerce and Rural Development Minister Faisal Saleh Hayat.

Pakistani official said that the two sides reviewed present level of bilateral trade and felt that great potential existed for its expansion. They noted that with the availability of credit of \$50 million for Pakistani exports to Iraq, the quantum of their trade would increase manifold in the near future. Prospects of exporting engineering goods from Pakistan to Iraq were also discussed.

Dr Mehdi Saleh proposed that his government was willing to allocate a part of its export receipts through sale of oil to Pakistan which was presently not covered by export credit.

While talking to newsmen the Iraqi trade minister said his country was interested in purchasing Pakistani cotton, rice and fish products. Pakistan, he said, could also supply steel, building material, ceramics and handicrafts to Iraq. In reply, the Pakistani minister said his government had cleared all outstanding issues of private sector companies of Pakistan.

The Iraqi delegation also called on President Ghulam Ishaq Khan at his house. Ishaq underlined the need for greater economic and trade co-operation between Iraq and Pakistan. Dr Mehdi Saleh told the Pakistani President that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was also interested in expanding economic and trade ties with Pakistan.

## Soviet trade team arrives in Tel Aviv

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 26 (AP). A high-ranking Soviet trade delegation arrived yesterday for a week-long visit to discuss commercial ties, including direct flights between the two countries.

The six-member delegation also is here to prepare for an upcoming trip by Finance Minister Shimon Peres to Moscow.

One of the visiting Soviets, Lev Kouznetsov, told reporters in an airport news conference that two aviation representatives were part of the group.

"We know how hot this issue is in Israel, and the Ministry of Civil Aviation fully endorses the idea of direct flights between our two countries," said Kouznetsov, head of the foreign relations department in the Aviation Ministry.

## American executives are best paid

GENEVA, Jan 26 (Kuna). American heads of enterprises, earning an annual salary of 576,000 Swiss francs, are the best paid executives in the world, followed closely by the Swiss (406,000 SF) and the Canadians (404,000), the Swiss news agency reported yesterday.

According to a study conducted by the international consultants Towers Perrin Company, the top three are followed by the West Germans (394,000 SF), the Japanese (387,000 SF), the Brazilians (373,000 SF), the Italians (358,000) and the French (340,000).

These statistics were realised on the basis of companies breaking a turnover of at least 400 million SF.

The worst paid heads of firms were found to be in the Pacific area. At the bottom of the list was South Korea where annual earnings were found to be 177,000 SF, preceded by Australia (251,000 SF), and Singapore (262,000 SF).

In the half-way region was Spain (323,000 SF), Belgium (321,000 SF), Britain (295,000 SF), Sweden (286,000 SF), the Netherlands (307,000 SF), Hong Kong (317,000 SF), and Argentina (326,000).

Following tax deductions and other similar expenses, executives in America still come out on top, followed by those in Brazil, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Argentina, Canada, Japan, and Italy.



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# To dance or not to dance... a delicate dilemma

By Firoze Rangonwalla

NOT all stars can move their feet, legs and flexible parts of the body in a rhythmic graceful or speedy form to the tune of the music at hand. Some stars are very nimble footed but others get cold feet. Some have classical training or natural inclination, but others are just not made for dance. Some put springs in their feet just to show they can do everything, but others shy away or do it reluctantly.

The industry has divided the stars into dancers and non-dan-

complain that they needed several hours of rehearsals and also cause dozens of re-takes. Some even used to cry and go away to the make-up rooms, when the dance masters lost their patience and shouted.

These people (some women too) who make the stars dance to their tune or rather beat are oldies as well as new entrants in dance composing. Once it was the era of Satya Narayan who started from the R.K. camp and did dozens of films. For the Western rock 'n' roll or bula hoop there were Goanese composers

choreographers, they had some funny stories to tell about how the proud modern stars would shiver when it came to dancing. Apart from the actresses mentioned, the boys who hate the thought include many big names. Dev Anand, Dharmendra, Feroz Khan, Vinod Khanna, have an allergy to dances. The young lot those who are most awkward include Chunky, Sunjay Dutt, Sunny, Jackie Shroff, Kumar Gaurav, Shatrughan Sinha and Suneel Anand.

The dance masters' tales about stars, if issued as a book, would

## Mini meet



Mumtaz with hubby Mayur.

## Mumtaz

We had interviewed Mumtaz at different times during her span as a top heroine. Meeting her now at the recent party of Pahlaj Nihalani and seeing her face and figure so changed did create an uncomfortable feeling on both sides. But soon, Mumtaz was her old cheerful self, a bit naive, frank and very much show-bizzy.

**Q:** You have returned to Bombay films nearly after 17 years. How do you feel?

**A:** I don't find any big changes, except in faces of artists. I mean many new people have come who were not there in my time. The star ratings have also changed.

**Q:** Do you find it difficult to face the camera and mike after a long gap?

**A:** No, it's like swimming. Once you have learnt it, you can take a dive any time.

**Q:** In your comeback film Nihalani, Shatrughan Sinha is your hero. Did you accept it willingly? Do you like Shatrughan coming late and keeping you waiting?

**A:** My producer made the choice. I go by him. The hero must suit my present screen character. Shatrughan had worked in side roles when I was the heroine. So now I am returning the debt. As for

his late-coming, everyone has begun to tolerate it, if he becomes happy doing that.

**Q:** Do you feel yourself more mature now?

**A:** Yes. Time does miracles. That's why I think I can give much more to films now.

**Q:** Then why were you insisting on a high price which scared away producers?

**A:** I only ask what is in keeping with the present standards. Surely you can't expect me to take the rates which I received fifteen years ago. It's not a question of money but dignity. Otherwise they treat you as a cheap actress.

**Q:** But if you are offered outstanding roles and films?

**A:** Then also it would demand the same. I can't be taken like a new or new-wave artiste. The public knows me. I came back because they wanted me. I am not becoming a character actress.

**Q:** What are the main reasons for your comeback?

**A:** I am free from a housewife's duties. Children have grown up. My husband is busy travelling to his office in different countries. I felt bored and alone. There were offers from producers whenever I came to Bombay.

cing, film makers are not planning full-fledged films like the old goldies. Shantaram's "Jhanak Jhanak", Uday Shankar's "Kaipana", Madhu Bose's "Court Dancer" or even Muzaffar's "Umrao Jaan". For, while Sri Devi clicked with snake dances in "Nagina" she flopped in "Nigahen" and Rekha's "Shesh-naag" got stuck up. And nobody can say which star-dances will make which films click.

## Star slips

**Jaya Prada:** For my home production, it's my family that copes with the hassles. I go there only as an artiste and give my shots.

**Smit Dutt:** When I was getting Sunday rehabilitated from his drug habit, I gave up drinking. What would I answer my son if he turned around and questioned me?

**Raj Babbar:** I was once a dress designer for Kachins. I have designed shirts too. If you see the initials R.B., you must know they are my creations.

**Vinod Khanna:** I am afraid of the Vinod Khanna who flops.

**Madhuri Dixit:** I used to get beaten every day in school. I was "too far" from child-hood.

## Behind the screen

The re-entry of Mumtaz, soon after Zeenat Aman's come-back in "Gawahi", has given ideas to other ex-heroines who are wives and mothers. Now, even Sarika is eager for showing her ability all over again. But she never had a glorious career. After playing boy's roles as a child star, she had a brief span as a teenage heroine or parallel heroine with other stars. Now what can she do at this age? And will hubby Kamal Hasan like the idea... his staying in Madras and her working in Bombay?

Music directors are also a victim of film politics and monopoly by a few. Nadeem and Shrivastava suffered from this as the others played games to get them removed. But, even the hit pair Anand-Milind of "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak" are being replaced and their films snatched away by others. Perhaps they don't know the ways of the industry. What happened once to their father Chitragupta should not be repeated with them.

Shobkar Kapoor's careless attitude towards direction (after the hit "Mr India") and his craze for being an actor are taking their toll. He had to leave Boney

Kapoor's "Prem" since he caused delays, over the heroine's selection. Then he decided to produce his own film "Champion" with Sunny, Naseer and Juhi Chawla as heroine, as he failed to decide on a new girl. Don't be surprised, if Shobkar pops up on the screen doing a role in his own production.

He-man Dharmendra is not so "be" after all. Before the recent general elections, the ruling party had tried its level best to get Dharm to campaign for them or even stand for a Parliament seat against a strong opposition candidate. But Dharm made excuses of being busy in order to keep away. The real reasons were different. Some time back he had

received threats from terrorists that they would attack him if he helped politicians. The second reason is his own weakness for booze etc. He knows that the two cannot mix.

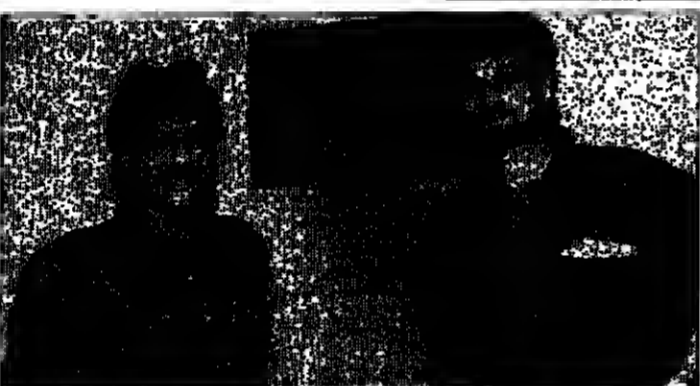
Amitabh's "Agneepath" scheduled as the first release of 1990 is the film he is most banking on. That's why "Main Azaad Hoon" with Shabana was shabbily treated. But "Agneepath" seems to be as full of violence as recent crime films, including his own "Shahenshah", "Toofan" etc. In one of its scenes, Amitabh says very casually that in childhood he had burnt his hand when he exploded a petrol pump. Will violence pay rewards to Amit at least for one more time?



Meenakshi Sheshadri

cers. South Indian heroines like Sri Devi, Jaya Prada, Hema, Rekha, Sudha Chandran, Meenakshi are all born dancers, with training. Among Bombay girls, the latest to adopt dancing smoothly is Madhuri Dixit. Neelam has proved herself agile in disco and other youthful dances. Sonam, Sangeeta, Juhi can also manage to shake and wriggle, just as Zeenat Aman and Fardeen Khan. But Madhuri has danced to the 'biggest' current song hits: "Ek do teen char" in "Tezaab", "Bada dukh dina" in "Ram Lakhan" and joined the trio of "Oye oye" in "Tridev".

Those who are very uncomfortable with the dancing business are Amrita Singh, Dimple, Kimi, Mandakini, Shahana Azmi, Sujata Mehta etc. Though they save the dance routines somehow, yet their dance directors



Composers Nadeem-Shravan with Dev Anand (centre).

ruin many reputations. They say that Anil Kapoor, too, gives a facade of facile dancing, while actually he finds it very tough. Somehow, everyone does manage and show for each shot but they keep away from grease-paint. When we talked to some

dream for composers there is Kamal Hasan at the top. Govinda gives an impression of being an easy pop dancer, following in the footsteps of Mithun. But a dance director confidentially revealed that actually both don't know much about any form of dance. They have only a knack of swaying the body, like even common people do in festive celebrations.

Amitabh, they say, used to be very clumsy in early years. Then, with success, he began to gyrate with full bounce and his dances like "Mere angane mein" in "Laawaris" became all-time hits. Jettendra, also known as Jumping Jack mastered the frivolous style from "Farz" and paved the way for Mithun. The real master of break-dance and disco is Javed Jaffrey (Jagdeep's son) but then he's not a star.

Due to the poor calibre of dan-



Slaves of New York

## Distant Thunder

# A new-look movie

By Shaun Seekins

DISTANT THUNDER is a new look at the Vietnam movie. Several vets who are unable to adjust to post-war society decide to live in the forests of the US as they once lived in the jungles of Nam.

Mark Lambert (John Lithgow) is a vet who lives in a camp site with other former soldiers who keep their fighting grasp on reality and a predisposition towards suicide.

Lambert decides to get his life together after witnessing his friend "kissing a train" (committing suicide a la Anna Karenina). With the sympathetic help of a redhead Char (the very lovely Kerrie Keane), whose father died in Vietnam, he gets a job as a logger, rents a small house and sends a birthday card to his 18-year-old son Jack (Ralph Macchio), whom he hasn't seen since infancy. When he receives Jack's reply—that he'll be driving cross-country from Illinois to visit the father he's never seen—Mark gets cold feet and returns to the forest.

But the intrepid Jack won't leave him be. He persuades Char to lead him to his father, and the two end up trapped in the woods by a psychotic, scary vet named Nitz (Reh Brown), who finally takes them to Mark. The father and son have an excruciating reunion, punctuated Nitz's knife Char's macho boy-friend who has followed them into the forest.

In the resulting skirmish between Mark and Nitz, John is shot. Mark, feeling tremendous guilt decides to "kiss the train" himself. He is, predictably, dissuaded by Jack, and all is forgiven.

John Lithgow's acting is excellent and the score by Maurice Jarre (backed up by the distant thunder) gives the film a surreal atmosphere.

Merchant and Ivory, those creators of such period pieces as Room With a View and the Bostonians have given us a costume drama for now Slaves of New York based on Tama Janowitz's bestseller. In fact, this stylish film's difficulties may arise from the Merchant Ivory—Janowitz connection: Janowitz's screenplay is as determinedly shallow as her characters, while Merchant and Ivory bring a studios sincerity to their films—a sincerity that seems a little out of place in New York's Lower East Side.

Slash (Adam Coleman Howard) is an immature artist whose chief joys in life are eating pizza, painting Donald Duck, and verbally abusing his live-in girlfriend Eleanor (Bernadette Peters). Eleanor is a would be hair designer, a sweet unbelievably insecure woman who constantly stumbles over her words.

Above films by courtesy of the Video Club, Salamiya Tel. 5724372, Farwanayya, Flintas Towers and Salhiya.

# Watch out Jason and Kylie, here come Greg and Amanda

HOME and Away stars Greg Benson and Amanda Newman-Phillips are making moves to follow in the footsteps of two other famous young Australians. Like Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan, Greg and Amanda started their careers on a hit daytime Aussie soap. Just like Kylie and Jason, the pair have constantly been seen out together, but have always denied that there was ever a romance.

And now, to round it all off, the two have recorded a single which they hope will be released some time in the New Year.

Greg, 22, who bears more than a passing resemblance to his younger role model Jason, told me: "I don't think it's right to compare Amanda and me to Kylie and Jason, because we're completely different people."

"But obviously they have been very successful so it's really no problem. If we're half as popular as they are, we'll be doing very well."

"I suppose comparisons are bound to happen, though. There doesn't seem to be any getting away from it."

Greg plays surfing mad Matt in the hit soap. He went on: "I met Jason Donovan once while I was hosting a music show, so I couldn't say that I know him terribly well."

"He can't be too bad, anyway, because he surfs. Any one who surfs has to be a good bloke."

Amanda, 23, played Narelle in Home and Away. She said: "I don't feel there's any rivalry between us and Kylie and Jason. I'm actually really pleased they have done so well for themselves."

"And Greg and I are very different from them. For starters, we're quite a bit older. But if we do get compared there's no harm done."

However, bard they try, Amanda and Greg will always have trouble making us believe they aren't in love with each other. Greg tried to assure me: "Amanda and I work together and we do get on very well, which is important because through our work we have to spend a lot of time together."



Greg and Amanda.

"We are great friends, but there is absolutely no romance. The song we've done which might come out as a single is a love ballad."

"So it's probably going to make people believe that there is a relationship going on."

Amanda agreed: "Greg and I have been working together very closely for the last six months. We have become very close friends but that's all. The whole cast of the show is very close."

The petite blonde went on: "There never was any romance. But, of course, I am aware that a bit of mystery can only enhance the publicity surrounding us."

While the two continue to deny there is any romance, they also claim they have no interest in

the opposite sex—because, they say, they simply don't have time.

And Greg and Amanda, who left the series almost two years ago in Australia, are almost as secretive about the song they have recorded.

Greg said: "We can't say what it is because there's a chance the record company that signs us might want to change it. But it's a new version of a song from the Eighties."

The two seemed more willing to talk about Home and Away and it's rival, Neighbours. Greg said: "I don't know why or how Home and Away is so successful. I guess it's because it has a lot of young people in it, and so the younger audiences can relate to it. The story lines ring very true."

Their aim was to launch the show's much-needed fan club, which will be based in Yorkshire. Greg said: "Apparently there is a huge stack of fanmail waiting for me up in Yorkshire. So far I haven't actually received much from England."

"I usually get all sorts of stuff in the mail. I once gave an interview to an American magazine and soon afterwards was sent letters suggesting I read certain parts of the Bible. I couldn't understand exactly what they were driving at. I think they were trying to guide my life, which is ridiculous."

"And I've had plenty of proposals, but none of them have been for marriage."

Amanda told me: "Most of my

mail comes from 13 and 14 year olds. They usually just want me to send them a signed photo."

"I received one dodgy letter from a guy. But I guess that happens to everyone. It wasn't frightening, it just contained some strange requests."

Greg assured me the rumours about him and Amanda living together were completely false. But in fact he does live with another member of the Home and Away cast—Adam Willits.

He said: "Adam and I moved in together about six months ago. I know you would think it might be a bit difficult, working with somebody and sharing a flat with them, but it's actually not like that."

"In fact Adam and I rarely see

each other most days. We're both so busy that we might see each other for a total of about three or four hours during the week. Our characters don't meet up that much on set either."

"So we really don't have a chance to get sick of each other. Adam's great fun, he really is. And another member of the cast, Matt Stevenson, who I don't think has been seen yet on the show in England, has also moved in with us. The three of us and Craig Thomson go out together at the weekends."

Greg started his showbusiness career as a model. He was in the Australian version of the famous Levis ad set in a laundrette, which originally featured Nick Kamen.

He said: "We had to do the Levis and because of equity laws the English version wasn't allowed to be shown in Australia. So we made an exact copy."

"Initially I was modelling to pay for acting lessons, but I sort of became stuck in it because it's such an easy life style. I don't particularly want to go back to it."

"It is possible to make very good money, but it isn't as regular as acting. It can't really be relied upon."

Greg, who has also worked as a TV presenter, feels it is possible to carry on with his acting while pursuing a singing career.

Amanda agrees. She said: "I think we could combine singing and acting. Greg and I are going to do both for as long as possible."

Amanda hopes she will soon be returning to the set of Home and Away. Her character, Narelle, was written out to go and find "fame and fortune" in Sydney. But Amanda feels Narelle is destined to return to the soap.

She said: "I may be going back to the show in the New Year. The character was originally written in for only four months. But the scripts are written so far in advance that despite Narelle's popularity with viewers, she couldn't stay."

"So if everything goes well, Greg and I might be sharing our acting and our singing careers."

## Happy birthday



Venceslau Colaco turned 11 on January 21



Maesha Merchant turns 7 today January 25



Aaron Master turned 8 on January 16



Abdullah Al Mahmud turned 10 on January 16



Sanjay Kohli turned 18 on January 18



Sarah Barreto turns 2 today January 25



Natasha Fernandes turns 7 on January 28



Azalia Fernandes turns 6 on January 28



Waleed Mir turns 5 on January 26



Ajit Krishnan turns 10 on January 28



Susan Svital turns 9 on January 28



Jinu Thomas turned 2 on January 10



Odeta Rodrigues turns 4 today January 25



Salla Fernandes turns 12 on January 26



Jasmine Ismail turns 2 on January 28



Noore Azaad turns one today January 25



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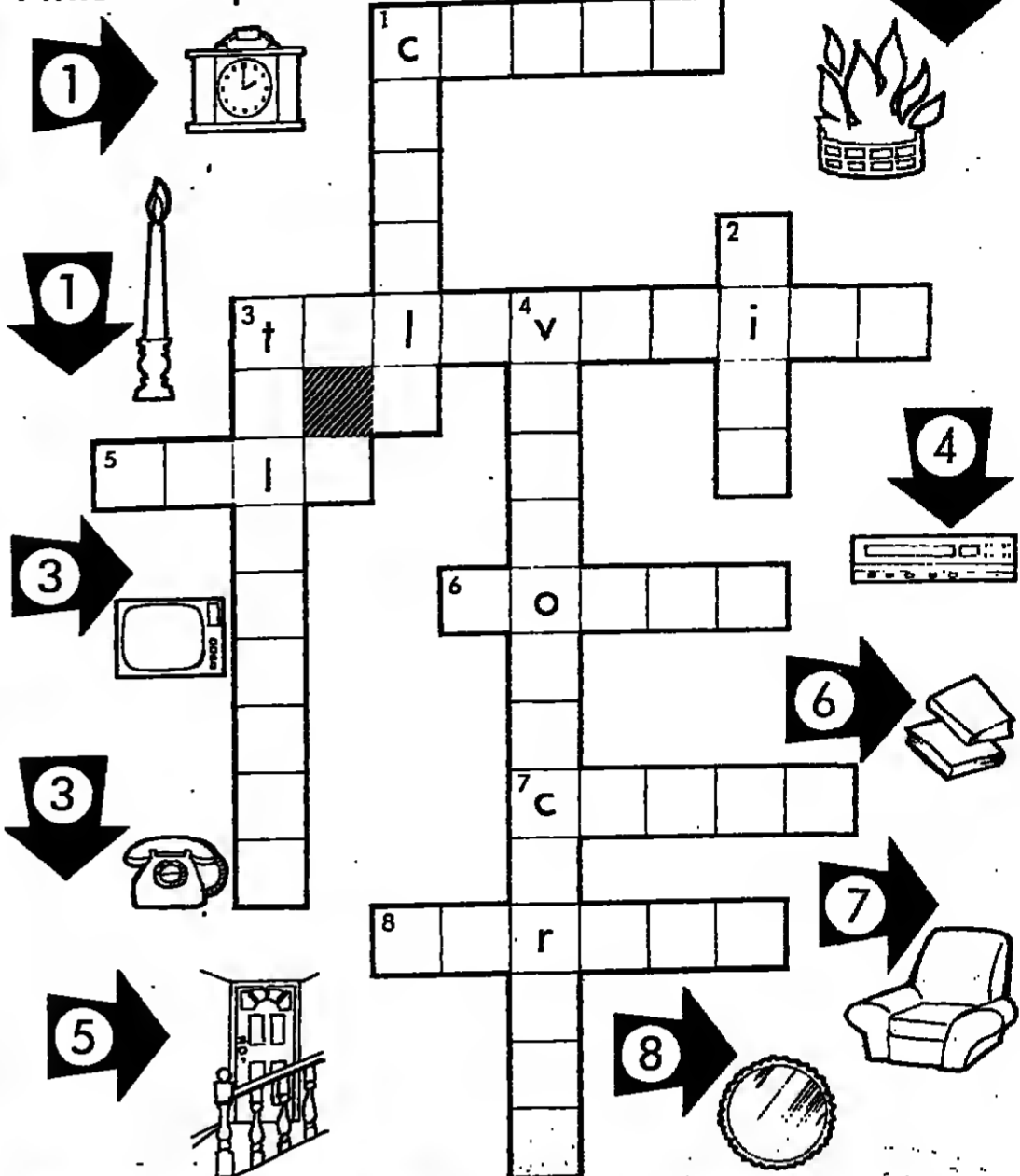
Cynthia Mascarenhas turned 9 on January 21



Talha turns 6 on January 27

## The house downstairs

Finish the puzzle.



Help these travellers to find their way home.



## Variety

## Is your man: a louse or a mouse?

MEN are tricky creatures. They can go into exactly the same situation with a bang or a whimper.

But if your strong, determined beefcake turns out on occasions to be a bully or your sensitive cultured partner a frightful coward don't despair. It might not be lasting behaviour.

There are give-away signs that help you determine whether you have lured a louse or a mouse into your house.

Perhaps you think you know. Try this quiz, and make sure.

1) You are in a restaurant and the waiter is being very rude. Does he:

a) ask to see the manager?

b) punch the waiter on the nose?

c) complain bitterly — once the waiter is out of earshot?

d) suffer in silence?

2) You have a big row. Does he:

a) rush out and get blind drunk with his friends?

b) storm off, but humbly return 20 minutes later?

c) go home to his mother?

d) disappear until the air is clear and return with a box of chocolates?

3) Does he borrow from you:

a) all the time?

b) never?

c) occasionally?

d) quite often?

4) If you are playing a board game, does he:

a) let you win?

b) cheat

c) always lose?

d) be fair but fiercely competitive?

5) You are at a party and another man is paying you a lot of attention. Does he:

a) sulk all the way home?

b) give you the third degree all the way home?

c) rush up and drag you away?

d) keep a wary eye on you in case you need rescuing?

6) How often does he say he loves you?

a) All the time.

b) When he has had a few drinks.

c) When you ask him to.

d) When he wants a favour.

7) You knit him a jumper and he doesn't like it. Does he:

a) roar with laughter and say that it's awful?

b) wear it?

c) ask you to make some alterations?

d) say he loves it, but put it at the back of his wardrobe?

8) You have been asked to a cocktail party and he has promised to go with you. Then he realises that it clashes with the big match. Does he:

a) go with you, but look at his watch all evening?

b) go with you as long as he can leave early to watch the match highlights on television?

c) go to the match?

d) go with you without a murmur?

9) He decides to have a dinner party. Does he:

a) make you do the cooking?

b) share the cooking?

c) do all the cooking?

d) start cooking but make such a mess that you have to take over?

10) If a leather-clad toughie is standing on his foot on a crowded train, does he:

a) say nothing.

b) push him off?

c) tell him to remove his foot?

d) tell to remove his foot please?

11) You go to stay at somebody's house and there is only one single bed. Does he:

a) make you sleep on the sofa?

b) let you have the bed?

c) let you cuddle up with him in the bed?

d) draw straws for the bed?

12) You are at dinner party and you make an unfortunate remark in front of the host. Does he:

a) cut you dead?

b) blush?



c) try to cover up for you?  
d) drag you into a corner and explain what you have just done?

13) You have 'flu. Does he:

a) keep well away in case he catches it?

b) fuss around you like a mother hen?

c) arrive with flowers and make a hasty exit?

d) call on you each day to see how you are?

14) When he is with his friends, does he:

a) ignore you?

b) make jokes at your expense?

c) let you have the centre of the stage?

d) let you join in normally?

15) He has bought tickets for the theatre but you have a headache. Does he:

a) shout at you and make you go?

b) understand and go on his own?

c) not go and be a martyr?

d) see if he can change the tickets for another night?

NOW add up your score:

1) a 10 b 15 c 5 d 0

2) a 15 b 5 c 0 d 10

3) a 15 b 5 c 0 d 10

4) a 0 b 15 c 5 d 10

5) a 0 b 5 c 15 d 10

6) a 10 b 5 c 0 d 15

7) a 15 b 0 c 10 d 5

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13) a 15 b 0 c 5 d 10

14) a 5 b 15 c 0 d 10

15) a 15 b 10 c 5 d 0

If you scored 175-225

So you like a strong man, do you? The sort who uses his fists rather than his brains. This man is a boorish bully who puts himself firmly first. He may be handsome or well-heeled, with a certain charm. But why be a doormat to such an arrogant louse?

If you scored 120-170

Well done, you have caught a real gem. Her is warm, considerate and treats you on an equal footing. He has his own mind but also has the art of compromise down to fine art. He doesn't stand any nonsense but can face confrontation without a punch-up.

If you scored 65-115

This man is all mouth and no action. Rather than deal with situations as they arise, he moans at you later. Where there are problems in your relationship he always tries to take the easy way out. And although he tries to go his own way, his sheer incompetence makes him come back to you every time.

If you scored 0-60

Is this a man or a mouse? On the wimp scale he scores a full 100 per cent. Perhaps you enjoy bossing around a boy who is still tied to his mother's apron strings. But if you don't try trapping your men with a bait other than cheese.

## Amazing secrets of love scenes

IT ISN'T so much the soap but the steam that brings the dramas — and the laughter — when Hollywood shoots a top TV series. Love scenes in everything from a bubble bath to a lift are never what they seem ... sexy. Millions of viewers, rivetted to their armchairs by the passions of Dallas and L.A. Law, would be even more fascinated by the antics of the "lovers" behind the saucy scenes.

Jealous boy-friends add real-life drama, as their actress girls slip between the sheets, "naked" in a cumbersome bodystocking and surrounded by crew shouting instructions.

Passion in the shower is an uncontrollable case of giggles, brought on by water in their hair. And once a pair of bathtime dalliers had to be weighted down with sandbags to stop them, drifting apart.

What looks like an expression of intense and heart-felt emotions on the face of a soap opera lover is often the result of a garlicky lunch.

In true soap opera tradition, long-lost or unexpected relatives turn up ... just as the actor is about to shed his inhibitions with his clothes. That turns the love scene into a test of true acting. Like acting not embarrassed.

Most soap actors and actresses agree on one thing ... they detest love scenes.

L.A. Law's Michele Greene, who recently frolicked with a policeman in a hotel bedroom, summed it up: "People always ask you whether love scenes are really exciting. I always tell them 'Not in the least'. Because they are so technical."

"You climb into bed only to be told, 'OK, roll over to the left. No, no, no — not like that. Now move your arm down ... when I was halfway on top of my lover, the wardrobe lady would start sticking pieces of tape all over me so that the blankets didn't fall off when I twisted and turned."

"They had to stick a double amount of tape to me and my lover, an actor called Wayne Northrop, because we had to roll about so much. The director was worried that we would reveal we weren't naked beneath those sheets at all."

"I was wearing a body stocking and a pair of levis. I made this poor guy in bed with me wear my boy-friend's cologne so that I could close my eyes and pretend that I wasn't getting it together with a stranger. And, before starting the scene, I sent for a really stiff brandy stinger."

But real spice was added to the steamy session by the fact that 27-year-old Michele's boy-friend Jim was a cameraman on the L.A. Law crew. And he was taking the whole thing very badly.

Dallas baddie J.R. Ewing, played by veteran Larry Hagman, has featured in many screen sizzlers. Larry takes it all in his light-hearted stride.

Blonde Cathy Podewell, who plays J.R.'s bill-billy wife Cally, told the secret background to a love session in the backwoods. She recalled: "It was going to be an intense scene. It was my first day on the series and here I was having to kiss Larry ... it's like kissing an institution or an icon."

"It was supposed to be very passionate and I was feeling really awkward. Then, on top of it all, Larry's wife Maj turned up on the set. I'd never even met her."

"I said, 'Ooh, I can't do this.' But Larry just gave Maj a wave. Then it was 'Ready? Action!' And off we went for a nighttime scene in the woods."

And it was Larry who turned Kimberly Foster's big love scene into a joke. Kimberly, who plays April Stevens' little sister Michelle, told me: "Larry was directing the episode where my screen lover, Sasha Mitchell — played by James Beaudine — and I are being very passionate."

## Doublespeak: the art of not saying what you really mean

LONDON, (Reuter): Doublespeak — the art of not saying what you really mean — is alive and well and taking liberties with the English language.

"When an American politician says more weapons are needed to ensure 'meaningful arms reduction', you may suspect that he is not being entirely frank."

When space officials call the explosion that destroyed the shuttle Challenger killing all seven astronauts on board an "anomaly," you know that some serious damage is

being done to the language of Shakespeare and Chaucer.

A new book, "The State of the English Language" edited by Christopher Ricks and Leonard Michaels, charts these and other linguistic trends in a series of specialist articles.

Writing on doublespeak, William Lutz from Rutgers University in the United States says it is language that pretends to communicate but doesn't.

"Farmers no longer have cows, pigs, chickens, or other animals on

their farms," he writes.

"According to the US Department of Agriculture they have 'grain-consuming animal units' ... kept in 'single purpose agricultural structures', not pig pens and chicken coops."

Aircraft do not crash in the language of doublespeak, they just have "uncontrolled contact with the ground." In the jargon of the nuclear industry, power stations do not explode, they suffer "energetic disassembly."

Lutz, who is chairman of the com-

mittee on public doublespeak for the US National Council of Teachers of English, singles out colonel Oliver North's testimony at Washington hearings into the Iran-Contra scandal two years ago.

"Lying to Congress, shredding official documents, violating laws, conducting unauthorised activities were all 'policy differences' to North," writes Lutz.

The US Defence Department also comes under fire. In the language of the Pentagon, bombs and shells which fall on civilians are "incon-

ent ordinance," while killing the enemy is called "servicing the target."

When the US Navy spent more than \$2,000 each on steel nuts, it described them as "hexiform rotatable surface compression units."

In 1977, Lutz reports, the Pentagon tried to slip funding for the neutron bomb — a weapon designed to kill humans but leave property largely intact — unnoticed into an appropriations bill by calling it an "enhanced radiation device."

In the financial world, the

October 1987 stock market crash, which wiped billions off share values and sent tremors through the global financial system, has been described as simply a "fourth quarter equity retreat."

And Lutz quotes federal reserve board chairman Alan Greenspan as saying in a speech: "I guess I should warn you, if I turn out to be particularly clear, you've probably misunderstood what I've said."

Doublespeak extends into all aspects of life, says Lutz. In hospitals, people who die suffer a "diag-

nostic misadventure of a high magnitude" or perhaps a "negative patient care outcome."

Workers who lose their jobs may find that instead of sacking them, their employers have "initiated a career enhancement programme."

That may not be so bad if you are a simple car mechanic or lift operator. But it will be much harder to bear if your job description has been inflated to "automotive internalist" or "member of the vertical transportation corps."

### HOW ABOUT A MOVIE?

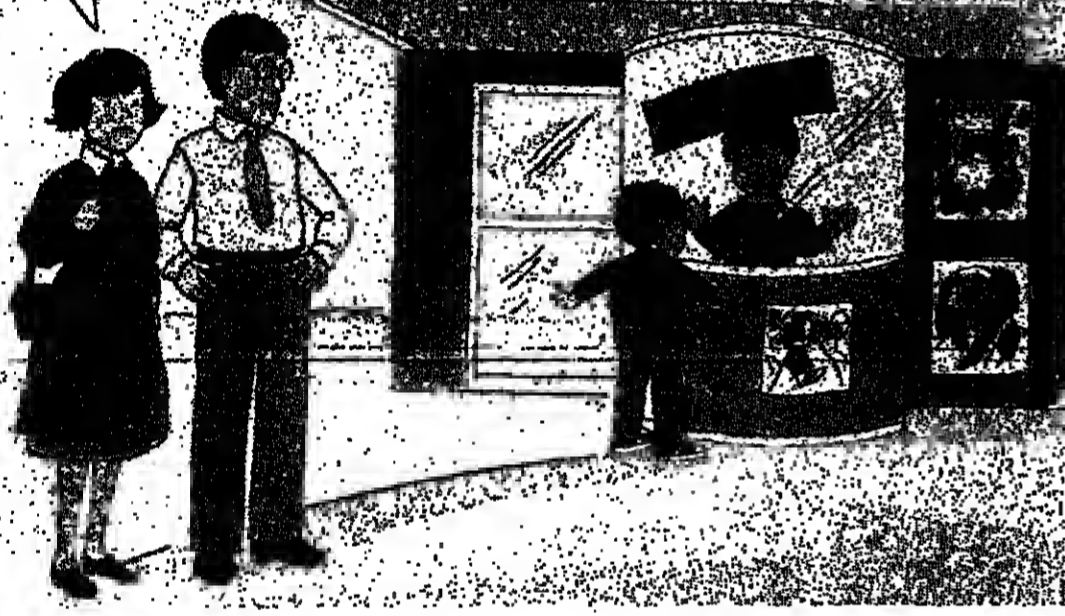
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### Questions you'd like to ask

When things don't turn out the way I want them to, I feel terrible. Why?

Feeling disappointed is a special kind of sadness you feel when something doesn't happen the way you expected. Perhaps you wanted a bicycle for your birthday, but you got something else instead; or maybe your parents promised to take you to the cinema, but when you got there it was full.

Oh, that's too bad. Andy will be so disappointed.



### The Goops again

#### UNTIDY GOOPS

I THINK you are a Goop, because  
You never shut your bureau drawers,  
You do not close the door!  
You leave your water in the bowl,  
You put your peelings in the coal!  
I've told you *that* before!



Dear Junior readers,

Most homes are very prone to accidents, whether electrocution, tripping on a wet floor or burning. In fact, many hospitals claim that the highest percentage of children admitted are involved in house accidents.

You probably think that your house is safe but this is only true if you are very careful.

If you plug in any electrical appliance, make sure that the plug's switch is off and that your hands and the plug are completely dry. Such will prevent electrocution.

If the appliance's wire is long, be careful when you move from one part of the room to another so that you do not trip. Tripping can also occur on a wet or damp floor; hence if the kitchen or bathroom is being washed, stay away!

Burning, perhaps the most painful and common accidents, does not have to be directly related to playing with matches. You may burn yourself with hot water from the taps; or hot drinks or hot cooking oil may spill if you are foolishly playing around these objects.

Play safe to stay safe.

Manal.

### Young poet

#### I like the sun

I like the sun I really do,  
better than those silly  
clouds making the sky  
white.

When the sun shines the  
sky is blue,  
and birds fly high in the  
sky,  
the flowers grow the bird  
sing a lovely tune.  
Oh, yes, I like the sun I  
really do.

#### A flying car

I'd like to drive a flying  
car,  
I'd go so high to amuse  
the birds!

So high, you'd think I  
touched the sky!  
So high, so high, so high!  
I'd like to fly around the  
Sun.

I'd like to see a rainbow!  
So high, I would touch  
the sky,  
So high, so high, so high!

#### My dear Dadabhai

My dear Dadabhai,  
I love you so,  
Why, oh why did you go,  
Straight up to the sky,  
When you knew I'd miss  
you so?

Now I always gaze up at  
the sky,  
I wonder where you are,  
Are you looking at me?  
Just in case I wave at  
you.

I wish you'd wave back,  
To comfort me.  
I love you wherever you  
are Dadabhai,  
Wherever you are!  
Samyukta Bhownick,  
9 years old  
Kuwait English School.

### Colour Timing

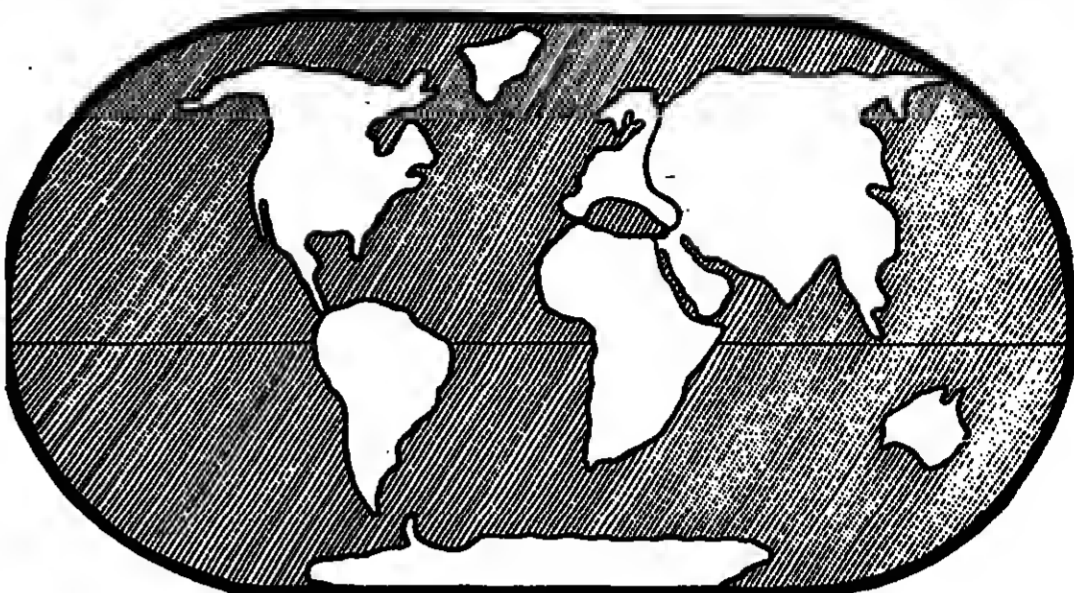


DOLL

### The Earth's Crust



THE EARTH'S CRUST is made of solid rock. Large pieces of the crust move very, very slowly over the Earth's mantle (surface). Many scientists think all the land on the Earth used to be together in one piece. Today we can see how the Earth's continents fit together like a big jigsaw puzzle — like they were once a part of each other.



Could the continents of the Earth have been one big piece of land? Take a class vote.

### Hypothesis



Yes

No

Materials Needed: continent shapes, scissors

### Procedure

Cut out the continents. See if any of them could go together to make one piece of land.

### Results and Conclusions

1. Do you think the continents could have been one piece of land? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you find any continents that fit together? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did you learn? \_\_\_\_\_



### Kuwait English School visits the Arab Times

Junior four of the Kuwait English School paid a visit to the Arab Times last week. Yawar Maqsood, the Sports Editor gave them a descriptive tour around the premises. The picture shows the students, their teacher and Yawar at the Reuters picture machine.

### First and last

When Captain James Cook first arrived in Hawaii, the natives believed him to be Lono, the god of fertility. When the Hawaiians realized their mistake, Cook was struck down and killed. Another explorer, the Spaniard Hernando Cortes, was mistaken by the Aztecs for the god Quetzalcoatl, who was said to be white and wear a beard. The Aztec emperor Montezuma greeted the Spaniards peacefully — enabling them to take him prisoner and conquer his lands.

Since the Norman Conquest, five English kings have been deposed: Edward II in 1327, Richard III in 1399, Henry VI in 1460, Charles I in 1649, and James II in 1688.

### Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?  
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?  
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!  
Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.  
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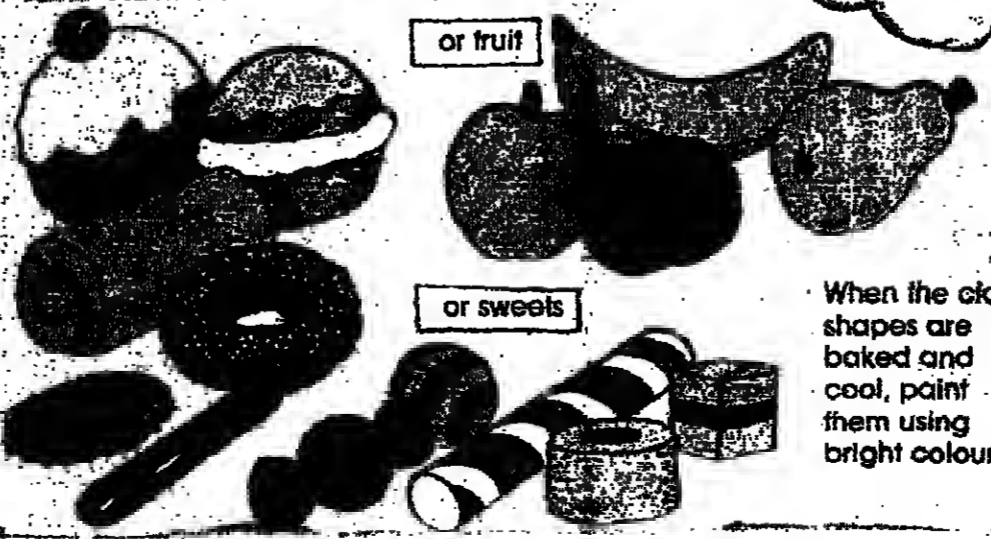
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### Here is a recipe for kitchen clay

2 cups of plain flour  
½ cup of salt  
Mix with enough cold water to make a stiff dough.  
Knead this well.  
Shape it and bake it (250°F 120°C Gas mark 1).  
The clay shapes will become hard and sound hollow when tapped.



pretend cakes



or fruit

or sweets

When the clay shapes are baked and cool, paint them using bright colours.

## BLONDIE



## MAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## AGATHA CRUMM



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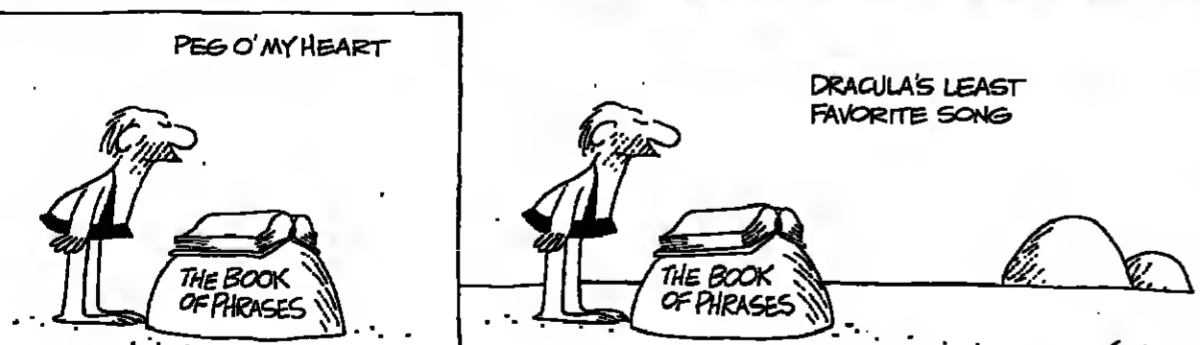
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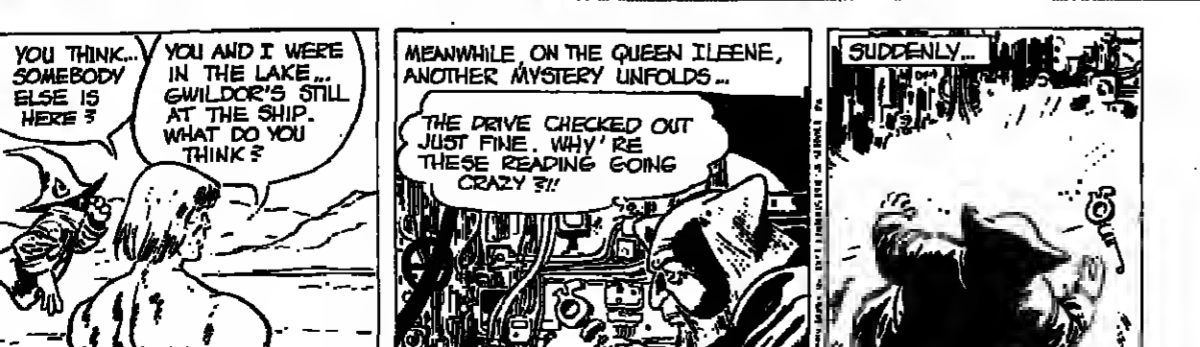
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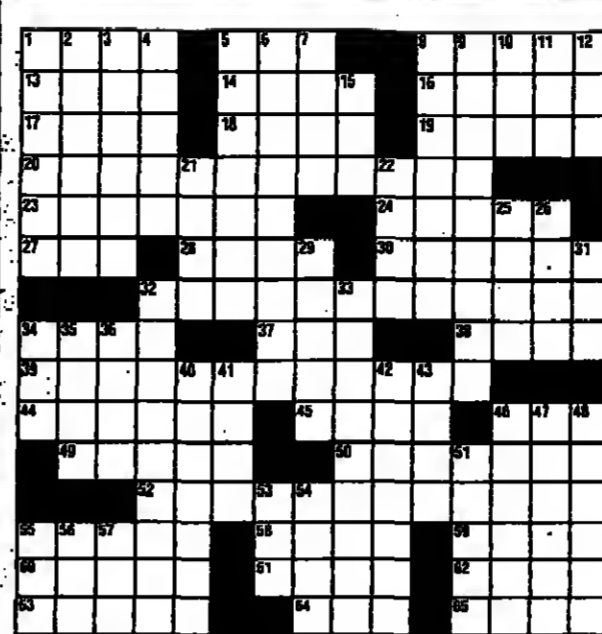
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## HE-MAN



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Aide to a V.P.
  - U.S.N. VIP
  - Dickens hero
  - A dozen, to Juan
  - Web
  - Emits smoke
  - Coe's habitat
  - Prefix with space or dynamic
  - Hawk habitat
  - Cause bad luck while walking
  - Mathematical conjecture
  - He didn't give a damn
  - Brit. dictionary
  - Pot starter
  - Vergil opus
  - Cause bad luck by walking here
  - Shakespearean sunrise
  - Airport info.
  - Jacob's brother
  - Cause seven years bad luck
  - Certain alphabet or number
  - Other
  - Mrs. in Madrid
  - Modify
  - Fixes film
  - Cause bad luck at the dinner table
  - Secret stash
  - East of the Urals
  - Crosby, Stills and Nash e.g.
  - Else
  - Resurface
  - Glower at
  - Cooper role
- DOWN**
- Part of AT&T
  - Grad. degrees for teachers
  - Contributes
  - Calm
  - Harangue
  - Rhythm
  - Over
  - A coach's fantasy
  - Antony
  - Air tube
  - Brief vacationer
  - Comparative ending
  - Visit Vail
  - Poetic monogram
  - "— favor, Señor"
  - Algerian seaport
  - Soviet inland sea
  - Danson and Williams
  - Yellow ribbon
  - "To — human"
  - Actress Joanne
  - Quite up front
  - Striking
  - Wall St. deg.
  - Odd: Scot.
  - Was literate
  - Fish dish
  - In which the scene is set
  - Italian painter, circa 1500
  - Heraldic border
  - Timorous
  - Entrusted
  - John Jacob. Mary and Nancy
  - Carpet fiber
  - Once around the track
  - Exam for law school: Abbr.
  - Massachusetts fish
  - Refrigerator
  - South American revolutionary

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

MITTIES PLOD SAPS  
IDIOT LAVA CLAN  
TENOR OMAR ETNA  
TASTE WALKONAIR  
LENS ENTICE  
OESOTO TINT  
IMPOSTERS OFTEN  
LEAS ERATO LORE  
LURED SPORTIEST  
FEWES CRESTS  
APOGEE RAAS  
MADEMERRY CHASE  
ALES DIET TILLS  
SMUL ELIE OGLES  
SAME OENS RHYME

## COHEN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES COHEN AND OMAR SHARIF  
MORE RUBBER OR DUPLICATE?

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 7 4 3  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ 7 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 10 9 5  
♥ Q J 10 6  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ K 10

**EAST**  
♠ 6  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ J 10 8 5  
♣ Q J 9 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 8 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A 8 6 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♥

Here's another chance to see whether you're more adept at rubber bridge or duplicate. How would you play this hand at three no trump after the lead of the queen of hearts?

Despite 20 high-card points and a wealth of prime cards, South was content with two no trump at his second turn—the hand was flat and lacked intermediates. Note North's raise to three no trump. A bid of

three spades would have shown a six-card suit and an unbalanced hand. Also, notice that four spades has no play.

Assume you win the first heart (there's no point to ducking) and play the queen and king of spades. When East shows out you have only eight tricks and no way to get a ninth. You have tackled the hand correctly if the game is duplicate. The odds on a 3-2 break are 68 percent, while a 4-1 break occurs less than three times in 10. This was not your lucky day.

Playing rubber bridge you are not interested in the odds on a particular break. Your chief concern should be making your contract. With five fast tricks in the other three suits, and no imminent threat, you are interested in the best chance of obtaining four tricks from the spade suit.

That's easy enough. At rubber bridge, win the king of hearts, cash the queen of spades and duck a spade, conceding a trick to the suit. Win any return and cash the board's top spades, establishing a long spade in dummy as your fulfilling trick. That costs you an overtrick whenever the suit splits 3-2, but you will make your game a whopping 96 percent of the time.



"How come you don't go fishing anymore?"

## OUR STARS



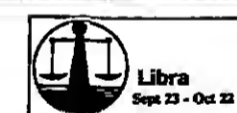
**Aries**  
March 21 - April 20

You should try to avoid getting close to loud noises or loud music. This is a good time to make a decision that you have been delaying. Do not expect to have it all your own way. Be fair.



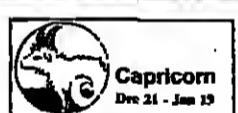
**Cancer**  
June 21 - July 20

You are well on the way to solving a problem but do not think that half a solution is enough. You should try to act a little more constructively. Do not do the first thing that comes to mind. Be hopeful.



**Libra**  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You will be in the right mood to do what has to be done, so do not delay. You are liable to make a few mistakes but will be able to correct them before it is too late. Show a little more kindness. Be tolerant.



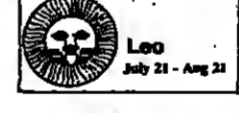
**Capricorn**  
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19

You will be able to improve your financial situation only if you continue to exercise caution and frugality. However, you should not try to save by delaying essential maintenance or repairs.



**Taurus**  
April 21 - May 20

You will tire rather more quickly and should avoid doing anything you do not need to do right away. Although the situation is favorable you will not be in the best of moods, so do take things a little more easily if you can.



**Leo**  
July 21 - Aug. 21

There will be more tension between you and those near to you. Do all you can to reduce it even though this means making concessions. You should use a little more common sense and show more goodwill. Be careful.



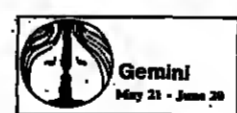
**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

The situation is favorable but you will have to take care not to fall into a trap. Make sure you do not believe what you would like to be always is. Negative thoughts are to be avoided. Be respectful.



**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

You will have to make a choice, but if you do not take care and think hard it will be the wrong one. What seemed at first to be a good idea will turn out to be nothing of the kind. If you try to do too much at once you could well end up doing nothing well. Be abstinent.



**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 20

You will be in high spirits and must do your best to avoid doing anything foolish. Do not allow your attention to wander and try to avoid getting bored. Your lucky numbers are 17 and 24. Eat a sensible diet. Be reasonable.



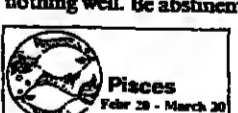
**Virgo**  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

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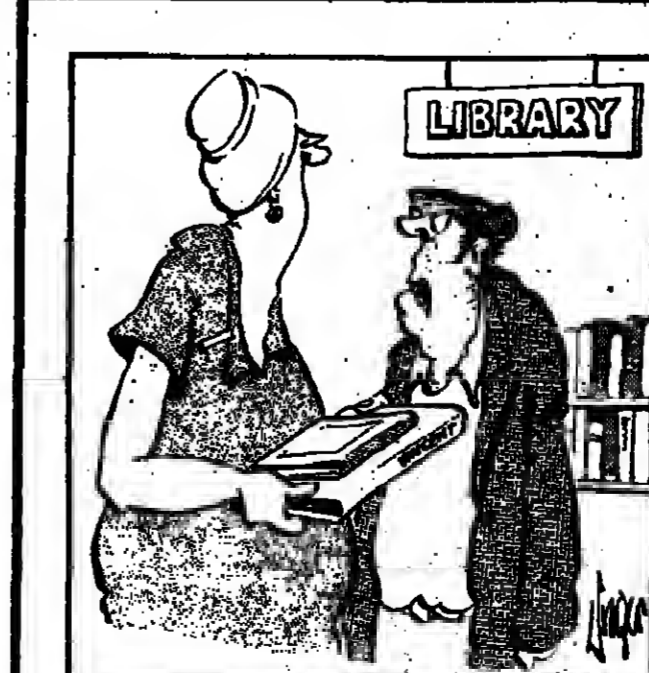
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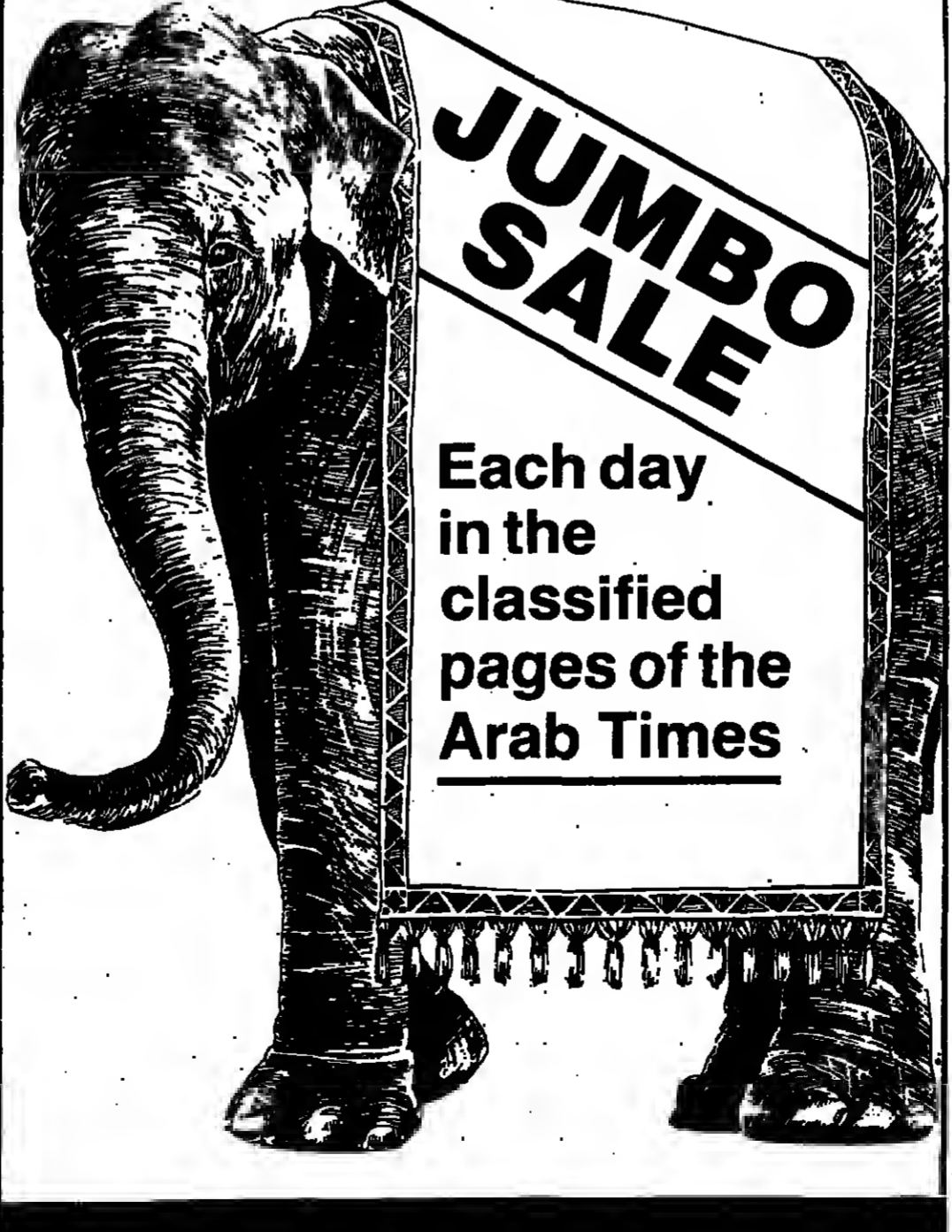
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# Queensland teenager wrecks Sri Lanka

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, Jan. 26, (Reuters): Queensland teen-age pace bowler Mike Kasprovicz showed the benefit of coaching from Ray Lindwall as he destroyed Sri Lanka with five for 29 on the opening day of their two-day cricket match today.

Kasprovicz, supported by Mick Polzin with two for 30 and Steve Storey with two

for 16, routed Sri Lanka in their first innings for 129. Queensland replied with 100 for no wicket at the close.

Kasprovicz, 17, who met former Australian Test fast bowler Lindwall for the first time at training on Tuesday, said: "He pointed out a few things that he thought would help me and I put them into practice today."

"I was bowling more from the waist and managed to get a lot more outswing. The advice was very beneficial."

Sharing the new hall with ex-Test pacerman Craig McDermott, Kasprovicz captured three for 19 in his first spell and returned after lunch to take two for 10 in a further six overs.

Sri Lanka, whose last six wickets tum-

bled for 37, managed to avert further humiliation thanks to captain Arjuna Ranatunga, the top scorer with 35.

Queensland completed a fine day when openers Peter Cantrell, who hit an unbeaten 60, and Geoff Foley, with 38 not out, shared an unbroken stand of 100, their century partnership arriving in 146 minutes off 209 balls.

## Australia's Boon out of 3rd Test

SYDNEY, Jan. 26, (Reuters): Australian top order batsman David Boon will miss the third cricket Test against Pakistan due to an injured left knee, an Australian Cricket Board (ACB) spokesman said yesterday.

Boon yesterday underwent exploratory surgery on his knee which he injured playing for Tasmania in a one day match in November and aggravated in Australia's recent drawn Test against Pakistan in Adelaide, the official said.

### Starts

Australia leads 1-0 in the three Test series. The third Test starts in Sydney on February 3.

Batsman Geoff Marsh is on the doubtful list for the Test due to a broken right thumb suffered while taking a catch in the second Test, but remains hopeful of playing.

West Australian Mike Veletta is the leading contender to replace Boon. His team-mate, Tom Moody, a century-maker in the first Test against Sri Lanka in Brisbane, could also be considered.

Veletta has a modest batting average of less than 20 from his seven Tests, but his past four first class games for Western Australia have included a 150 against South Australia and an unbeaten 110 against New South Wales when he carried his bat through the innings.

### Likely

Should both Boon and Marsh be ruled out, Veletta would most probably open with Mark Taylor, with Moody likely to bat at number three.

The Australian team for the third Test will be announced on Tuesday, the ACB official said.

## India beat President's XI

### Hirwani takes four wickets



Narendra Hirwani

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Jan. 26, (Reuters): India demolished the New Zealand President's XI second innings batting to win the first match of their tour by a comfortable 195 runs here yesterday.

Left with the task of scoring 369 for victory, the President's XI began the day with some hope on a placid pitch.

But a disastrous morning session left the President's side reeling at 110-5 at lunch and the spinning fingers of Narendra Hirwani and Venkatapathi Raju did the rest, to have the New Zealanders all out before tea for 173.

Deceptive medium pacer Manoj Prabhakar wreaked the early havoc when he removed openers David White and Kyle Wealeans in the 15th over of the innings.

The double blow dented the New Zealand confidence which only partially returned as Ken Rutherford and Grant Bradburn put on 50 for the third wicket.

Rutherford was tipped as the man who could sway things the President's way and he appeared

in fine form as he smote six fours on his way to 50, but he was then out to a rash stroke.

He seemed to hook a short pitched ball from Vivek Razdan but succeeded only in spooning a simple catch to wicketkeeper Kiran More.

Hirwani clean bowled Martin Snedden to give the leg spinner his third wicket in 18 deliveries. Gavin Larsen was his fourth victim in the 54th over and Prabhakar ended a brief 10th wicket flurry by Mark Richardson and Jonathon Millmow when Richardson gave an edge to More.

### Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 512, second 329

PRESIDENT'S XI first innings 173

D. White b Prabhakar ..... 6

K. Wealeans lbw Prabhakar ..... 9

K. Rutherford c More b ..... 30

G. Bradburn c More b Raju ..... 42

M. Douglas lbw Raju ..... 6

G. Larsen c Chandrasekhar b ..... 26

S. Thomson c Dev b Hirwani ..... 4

A. Parore c Chandrasekhar b ..... 4

Hirwani ..... 4

M. Snedden b Hirwani ..... 0

M. Richardson c More b ..... 18

Prabhakar ..... 15

J. Millmow not out ..... 13

Extras (b-7, lb-6) ..... 13

Total ..... 173

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-24, 3-74, 4-102, 5-103, 6-110, 7-126, 8-126, 9-141.

Bowling: Prabhakar 12.1-4-24-3, Dev 8-5-9-0, Razdan 7-0-37-1 (1nb), Raju 20-5-59-2, Hirwani 17-5-31-4.

Result: India won by 195 runs.

Rutherford was recalled yesterday to the New Zealand squad for the first cricket Test against India starting in Christchurch on February 2.

Richard Hadlee and Chris Cairns were not considered because of injury. New Zealand Cricket Council chairman Barry Paterson said 13 were chosen because injury worries.

Hadlee would work in the nets with the squad before the match, he said.

The team is: John Wright (captain), John Bracewell, Jeff Crowe, Martin Crowe, Trevor Franklin, Mark Greathatch, Andrew Jones, Danny Morrison, Dipak Patel, Ian Smith, Martin Snedden, Ken Rutherford, Willie Watson.

## Pakistan walk off the field

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 26, (Reuters): Pakistan's cricketers walked off the field during the first day of a four-day match against Victoria after leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed was banned from bowling for repeatedly running on to the wicket.

Team manager Intikhab Alam led his side off when umpire Robin Bailhache suspended Mushtaq after warning him three times in one over, and half an hour's play was lost before a compromise was reached.

Pakistan captain Rameez Raja called Intikhab on to talk to the umpires, complaining he had not been told of the second warning.

"The umpire has got to tell the skipper but he never did that," Intikhab said. "Rameez was never informed otherwise he would have had a word with Mushtaq."

Intikhab, Victorian coach Ian Redpath, match referee Jim Higgs and the umpires worked out a compromise under which Mushtaq was

credited with two warnings and would be unable to bowl if warned again.

Intikhab, who was banned from bowling in a match against Queensland for running on the wicket when Pakistan toured in 1972-73, said the main concern was that Rameez had not been informed as required.

He also pointed out that Mushtaq had been wearing rubber-soled shoes which did not damage the wicket.

Three players have been banned from bowling in Australia in the last 10 years. Australians Max Walker and Merv Hughes and Sri Lanka's Ravi Ratnayake, and umpire Bailhache, regarded as a strict disciplinarian, was the umpire on each occasion.

Mushtaq, who bowled the last ball to finish his over and was taken out of the attack until he bowled three overs before stumps, finished with two for 32, the best figures of the day.

There was further controversy after tea when Bailhache twice warned pacerman Aaqib Javed for intimidatory howling and no-balled the teenager for two bouncers he bowled at Victorian captain Simon O'Donnell.

After the second warning he did not bowl short again.

At the close of play, Victoria were 247 for five with opener Gary Watts making 102 and O'Donnell unbeaten on 60 from 72 deliveries.

Watts, out lbw to Waqar Younis shortly before stumps, hit 11 boundaries and brought up his seventh first class century in exactly five hours from 219 deliveries.

### Scoreboard

VICTORIA first innings 247

G. Watts lbw Waqar ..... 102

S. Prescott c Anwar b Ghauri ..... 10

W. Phillips c Anwar b Mushtaq ..... 4

J. Siddons c Ghauri b Mushtaq ..... 17

W. Ayres b Ghauri ..... 24

S. O'Donnell not out ..... 60

T. Dodds not out ..... 14

Extras (b-8, lb-1, nb-7) ..... 16



Rameez not informed

Total ..... 247

Fall: 51, 56, 91, 142, 218.

Bowling: Waqar Younis 16-1-60-1 (1nb), Aaqib Javed 10-3-42-0 (5nb), Nadeem Ghauri 26-8-48-2, Tauseef Ahmed 21-6-56-0, Mushtaq Ahmed 19-3-32-2 (1nb).

Batting time: 343 mins. Overs: 86.

Result: five wickets for 247.

## Advertisers await Super Bowl kickoff

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, (Reuters): The Super Bowl, the championship of American professional football, just might be the biggest contest on television this Sunday, but it won't be the only one.

While the heavily favoured San Francisco 49ers battle the Denver Broncos in New Orleans, free-spending advertisers will be hoping to score points during breaks in the action, which are certain to be frequent in the broadcast on the CBS television network.

The game is expected to be watched in more than 40 per cent of all American households with television sets, and commercial sponsors express few qualms at spending a record \$700,000 for each 30 seconds of air time.

"The Super Bowl is the biggest viewing event of the year," said Michele Szyal, a spokeswoman for Gillette, makers of shaving products. "If you're going to launch a product, that's the best time to do it."

This year 19 items, including beverages, financial services and automobiles, will be advertised during the 54 30-second spots, which were sold out two months ago.

Several former Super Bowl sponsors, including IBM and Michelin, have bowed out this year, citing the high price, among other reasons.

But for others, despite declining ratings, the Super Bowl is an absolute must, apparently regardless of price tag.

"Even though ratings are down it's still the only game in town," says Fred Danzig, editor of Advertising Age, a trade publication. "And who knows? There may be enough hype before the game to generate a larger audience than expected."

"It is still the premier sporting event in the country, if not the world," said Joe Corcoran, senior brand manager for Budweiser Beer. "We feel we have to be at those events."

Although the Super Bowl's audience share peaked in 1982, with a 49.1 rating, the game is still expected to be the most-watched sporting event of the year.

Last year's game on the rival



Elway signs autographs for fans. (Reuters wirephoto)



Montana (left) leaves his helmet to a team-mate while Broncos' Bobby Humphrey catches a pass during workout. (Reuters wirephoto)

NBC network, which is charged up to \$675,000 for a half-minute of airtime, got a rating of 43.5, meaning the game was on in 43.5 per cent of all US households with televisions, according to Nielsen Media Research.

With an average of 2.66 people in each household, that means the Super Bowl can reach more than 100 million viewers.

As Corcoran puts it, the show

"slips from an incredibly huge rating to another incredibly huge rating."

With so much money being tossed into 30-second time slots, the logical question to ask is whether these lavishly produced commercials affect consumer behaviour.

"Does it make a person who's watching the game want to get up and go to the store for a six-

pack?" asks Corcoran. "Probably not. But it keeps us in mind, so next time he's in the store he'll think of us."

Danzig says the "frenzy" for advertisers began in 1984, when Apple Computer Co. launched its Macintosh personal computer in a heavily promoted commercial while the Los Angeles Raiders were demolishing the Washington Redskins in the Super Bowl final.

"Sales went through the roof in the next couple of weeks," Danzig says. "That was the validation."

"The cost of a commercial, considering what's at stake, is probably the best bargain in town the way these people analyse it," Danzig adds. "It's almost nickel and dime."

While sales didn't exactly go through the roof for Budweiser last year, Brewer Anheuser-Busch says the brand had its most successful January ever in connection with "Bud Bowl I", the football parody commercial that featured a contest between two teams of helmeted bottles.

This year, the company has been promoting the rematch with teaser spots that first appeared during baseball's World Series in October.

It has budgeted \$7 million — including \$1 million in production costs alone — for the six commercials created exclusively for Super Bowl Sunday.

The outcome of the game, with play-by-play commentary by CBS broadcasters Brent Musberger and Terry Bradshaw, is a tightly guarded secret.

Although the campaign has its critics — TV Guide magazine recently panned it — there is little doubt that it has managed to stand out in a field crowded with flashy entrants. A survey after last year's Super Bowl placed four of the Bud Bowl commercials among the 10 most memorable spots.

Even Gillette's spokeswoman, Szyal, acknowledges the beer giant's success.

"Every red-blooded American male, and even some females, will be watching the Super Bowl — to watch the Bud Bowl if nothing

else," she says. "What an irritating commercial."

The Denver Broncos have come up with a simple plan for winning their first Super Bowl after three losses — keep San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana from getting his hands on the ball.

"For us to be successful we've got to have a ball control type of attack and try to keep their offense off the field," Denver coach Dan Reeves told a news conference yesterday.

Denver's John Elway, quarterback for two of the Broncos' Super Bowl losses, was even more specific. "What we have to do is keep Joe Montana off the field," he said.

Failing that, Reeves said, the task facing his defence was to disrupt Montana, who led his team to a 16-2 record this season including two playoff victories. "We've got to try to get to him as much as we can and at least make him hurry his throws or at least get in his face so that he can't set quite as well."

"This may be easier said than done as the San Francisco offensive line did not yield a single quarterback sack in the two playoff games."

"If we play up to our capabilities, then we have a chance. If we make mistakes... then we're going to be in big trouble," Reeves said.

Elway agreed that stopping Montana's offensive machine was improbable.

"Hopefully our defence will come up and shut them down but they're too good for us to seriously think that that's what the story is going to be so there's pressure on our offense to put points on the board... we know that if we're going to win this game it's not going to be 7-0."

San Francisco running back Roger Craig, forced to miss practice with a case of flu, said there was no way the bug would keep him from playing.

"Hopefully I'll be better by Sunday but I've played with a virus before. It's nothing new to me," said Craig, a key player on all three of the 49ers' victorious Super Bowl teams.



Gooch (left) leads England during a practice session on Thursday at the Kensington Oval. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Gooch & Co. start Caribbean tour

## England's prospects bleak

BRIDGETOWN, Jan. 26, (Reuters): Labelled by their own chairman of selectors as one of the world's worst Test teams, England's cricketers face the Caribbean tour with their prospects so bleak that even one draw in the five Tests will be an achievement.

England have not beaten West Indies in their last 29 Tests, having lost 14 of the last 15, and Graham Gooch's inexperienced squad appear to have little chance of arresting the trend in the forthcoming series.

England's best chance of upsetting the odds may be in the third Test at Queen's Park Oval, Port-of-Spain, the scene of their last Test win over West Indies in 1974.

A typical Trinidadian pitch would give England an outside chance of victory, though such a surface was not produced last year when both the captains of West Indies and India criticised it as being unfit for a Test match.

The Queen's Park Oval pitch is characteristically green and bouncy on the first day, lending exaggerated importance to winning the toss. Indeed no side has elected to bat first in Port-of-Spain since 1976.

With the wicket getting browner and flatter as the game goes on, England spinners could well gain some assistance.

Historical precedent suggests West Indies will not repeat the 5-0 drubbing of England in the Caribbean four years ago. To do so, West Indies would have to win a Test in Guyana for the first time since 1965.

### Seldom

The easy-paced Georgetown pitch has always blunted the West Indian fast bowlers, apart from which Test matches in Guyana are seldom interrupted by rain, which last year washed out the last four days of the Test on India's tour.

Guyana would have been the ideal place for England to start the series but instead the crucial



Mickey Stewart, head of the England squad, talks to reporters after the practice session. (Reuters wirephoto)

first Test is to be played in Jamaica on Kingston's unpredictable Sabina Park pitch. Admittedly, it has been dug up and relaid since England were bowled out twice within 89 overs in 1986 on a very uneven track, described by Michael Holding as "not a pitch any batsman would want to bat on against really fast bowlers."

The Indian batsmen, however, had a torrid time on it last May when Courtney Walsh took 10 wickets in the Test and helped give his side victory by seven wickets.

Early signs from the Caribbean domestic competition, the Red Stripe Cup, indicate the pitch is still encouraging the quick bowlers — Ian Bishop, rated as the fastest West Indian bowler by Test wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, took 11-124 for Trinidad against Jamaica at Sabina Park.

England chairman of selectors Ted Dexter has hinted at a mismatch by describing the West Indies as the best Test team in the world and England as one of the worst.

Yet while expectations of Gooch's men may not be high, they will at least start the tour as arguably the fittest cricket squad to leave England.

The players have had two months of net practice and

## Polo reborn in Iran

NICOSIA, Jan. 26, (Reuters): Polo, ancient Persia's sport of kings, has been reborn in Iran where the last chukkas were played during the dying days of the Pahlavi dynasty.

The Iranian news agency Irna said the first official polo games in the country "in recent history," would be held in Tehran next month as part of sporting events marking the 11th anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Polo, which Irna says was invented by the Persians 5,000 years ago, was promoted as an elite sports under Iran's last monarch, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who was toppled in 1979.

Rehabilitation of polo follows the lifting of an Islamic ban on chess by the late leader Ayatollah Khomeini in 1988 and the reintroduction of amateur boxing last year.

## Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Jan. 26, (Reuters): Tom Purtzer had a stretch of eight holes in eight-under-par and went on to tie the Bobby Wadkins, Lance Ten Brock and Tommy Armour III for the first-round lead in the \$900,000 Phoenix Open golf tournament yesterday.

The quartet stood at six-under-par 65 after the first 18 holes at the 9,992-yard tournament players club course.

Sandy Lyle of Britain, the winner here in 1988, and defending champion Mark Calcavecchia were two strokes off the pace at 67 along with Ed Flori, Mark McCumber, Scott Hoch and Dave Barr.

## Jordan top vote-getter in NBA

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, (Reuters): Michael "Air" Jordan of the Chicago Bulls was once again the top vote-getter among National Basketball Association players in fans' balloting for the All-Star game, the League announced yesterday.

Jordan, the NBA's leading scorer this season with a 33.3 points per game average, was the fans' number one choice for the fourth straight year. He received 321,114 votes from among 1,162,033 that were cast.

Larry Bird, the Boston Celtics forward who returned to action this year after missing all but six games last year due to injury, was the second choice with 248,837.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers garnered the next highest total followed by New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing.

Joining Jordan, Bird and Ewing in the starting lineup for the Eastern Conference will be guard Isaiah Thomas of the champion Detroit Pistons and Philadelphia 76ers forward Charles Barkley.

Along with Johnson, the Western Conference starters will be guard John Stockton of the Utah Jazz, centre Akeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets, and Los Angeles Lakers' forwards James Worthy and A.C. Green, who edged Karl Malone of Utah by less than 1,300 votes in the closest race of the balloting.

### Results

Results of National Basketball Association games played yesterday.

Phoenix Suns 124, Charlotte Hornets 97; Orlando Magic 117, New Jersey Nets 112; Washington Bullets 99, Boston Celtics 98; Houston Rockets 102, Los Angeles Clippers 101; Utah Jazz 115, New York Knicks 89.



Boston Celtics' Dennis Johnson (No. 3) and Miami Heat's Telford Brantley fight for the ball in their NBA game on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Edberg destroys Wilander

## Lendl brushes aside Noah

## Richest event

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 26, (Reuters): Organisers of the controversial Grand Slam Cup, said yesterday the field was to be enlarged from eight to 16 players.

## Boileau arrested

CHARLEROI, Belgium, Jan 26, (AP): Former Belgian tennis star Bernard Boileau, 30, sentenced to 32 months in jail last week, was arrested on Wednesday in Charleroi, southern Belgium, police reported yesterday.

## Cane recalled

ROME, Jan 26, (Reuters): Italy have recalled the temperamental Paolo Canale for their Davis Cup tennis tie against losing 1989 finalists Sweden after reviving a row that led to his suspension.

## E.German medallists

EAST BERLIN, Jan 26, (Reuters): East German gold medalists collected up to 35,000 marks (\$20,700) each for their triumphs at the Seoul Olympics, a parliamentary corruption panel heard yesterday. Former government sports chief Guenter Erbach told the inquiry only a small circle of top officials controlled the 30.5-million-mark (\$18 million) special fund used to reward competitive sportsmen and women.

## Contract dispute

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): British Grand Prix driver Martin Brundle yesterday pulled out of his contract with the Brabham Formula One team for this year's world championship. Brundle, who won the World Sportscar Drivers' Championship with Jaguar in 1988, said he had resigned because Brabham had not fulfilled their part of his contract with the team.

## Formula One

DONINGTON, England, Jan 26, (Reuters): A non-championship Formula One motor race, the Donington 200 Gold Cup, is to be staged at Donington Park, England, on April 15, a spokesman for the circuit confirmed on Wednesday.

## Early list

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan 26, (Reuters): Rhythm, last year's champion two-year-old colt, undefeated Summer Squall and Grand Canyon lead the early list of nominees for the 1990 Kentucky Derby. Triple Crown Productions said on Wednesday.

## Senna affair

MONACO, Jan 26, (AP): Jean-Marie Balestre, president of the International Automobile Federation, says he approves Ayrton Senna's current silence, but still doesn't know if the Brazilian driver will be allowed to race this year.

## Chepikov wins

RUHPOLDING, West Germany, Jan 26, (AP): Sergei Chepikov of the Soviet Union mastered a rain-soaked course to win the 20-kilometre biathlon event yesterday and edge Erik Kvalfoss of Norway for the provisional lead in World Cup standings.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Regency Bridge Club game held last Sunday:

1. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah
  2. Sherin Basyouni & Ahmed Hneidi
  3. Peter Harris & Mawdoud Sabri
- Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game played on Monday:
1. Nabil Akel & Lolli Murtwaite
  2. Jamila Akel & Margaret Maynard
  3. Suhendan Oakay & Nida Khalaf
- Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game held on Wednesday:
1. Nabil Akel & Lolli Murtwaite
  2. Suhendan Oakaya & Nida Khalaf
  3. Joan Hashim & Evelyn Monteiro
- Results of Sberaton bridge game held on Tuesday:
1. A. Moussali & Samaha
  2. El Baz & Izzeldin
  3. Mrs. Dons & Bayoumi
- E/W
1. Reddy & Latala
  2. Anil & Banerjee
  3. Mrs. Pereira & D'Souza
- Tamil & Helen

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 26, (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl and Sweden's Stefan Edberg surged into the Australian Open tennis final with storming semifinal wins today.

Lendl stopped entertaining Frenchman Yannick Noah's progress with a 6-4 6-1 6-2 win, while Edberg was if anything even more impressive as he destroyed fellow Swede Mats Wilander 6-1 6-1 6-2.

Lendl, the top seed and defending champion, is bidding for his second Australian Open title. Edberg, 24, has taken the title twice since 1985.

Neither player wasted time booking their place in the final. Lendl took one hour 47 minutes to dispose of Noah while Edberg

needed only 82 minutes to complete his astonishing demolition of Wilander.

Lendl shut Noah out of the match from the opening game when he broke the deadlocked Frenchman's serve in controversial style.

Noah was convinced he had won the game when, at 40-15, he served what looked like a clean

ace only to hear it called out. Lendl took full advantage to steal the game and from that moment his opponent was always struggling to get back into the match.

Wearing his familiar foreign legion-style hat, Lendl was in commanding mood from the baseline and, despite some fine volleying at the net from Noah, the Czechoslovak took the first set in 42 minutes.

When Noah held his serve to love at the start of the second set, the Frenchman still looked capable of running the world number one close.

But the tournament's twelfth seed, playing only his second Grand Slam semifinal, was unable to capitalise on two break points in the following game and, in the next, saw a backhand volley fall back off a net-cord to give Lendl a break and a 2-1 lead.

Noah's spirit visibly ebbed away and the defending champion cruised through the second set to win it 6-1. Even some clowning by Noah in the final set failed to make any difference as Lendl went on to finish the job in his usual efficient manner.

Lendl agreed afterwards that his form had improved significantly since he was beaten by Noah at the New South Wales Open in Sydney two weeks ago.

"If I played like I did in Sydney I would not have won this match. I would be at home by now," said Lendl.

"Over the last three or four

days I've felt really good."

Noah admitted he had been totally outclassed on the day by his opponent.

"He was overpowering me from the baseline and I wasn't moving as well as I wanted to. I didn't make him think enough for me to have a chance."

Asked about the first game of the match and the disputed call he replied: "What can you say except it was a bad call. It was a stupid way to lose a first break."

Edberg, who beat Lendl in their most recent meeting at the US Masters in New York, never gave Wilander a chance to repeat his quarterfinal win over second seed Boris Becker.

Employing his serve and volley game to devastating effect, he breezed through the first set in 28 minutes and took three minutes less to wrap up the second.

"I think I had one of those days when I almost played perfect tennis," said Edberg. "I served very, very well right the way through. I think I played as well as I could today."

An impressed Wilander did not argue with his compatriot's assessment.

"He was just playing too good. Against Stefan you feel a little helpless. I did not really get into the match. I'm not even sweating."

Edberg and Lendl have played fifteen times since their first meeting in Rotterdam in 1984, Lendl winning nine and Edberg six. They met four times in 1989, each player winning twice.

Graf plays a forehand during her win over Sukova.

Graf, Fernandez to clash in final

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 26, (Reuters): World number one Steffi Graf dropped her first set at the Australian Open for six years but still reached her third successive singles final yesterday.

Graf withstood the gallant challenge of Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova, last year's beaten finalist, to gain a narrow 6-3 3-6 6-4 win and reach tomorrow's final, where she meets American teenager Mary Joe Fernandez.

Fernandez, the tournament's sixth seed, reached her first Grand Slam final by overwhelming nervous West German opponent Claudia Porwik 6-2 6-1.

Graf, not at her best throughout the tournament, was fortunate to survive after the tall Sukova deservedly took the second set and then broke to go 2-1 up in the third.

It was the first time the top seed had dropped a set at the Australian Open since she lost to Australia's Wendy Turnbull in 1984 as a 14-year-old, although she missed the event from 1985 to 1987. Since returning in 1988 she has reeled off 20 consecutive victories.

There was little hint of the drama to come when Graf breezed through the first set in 24 minutes. But Sukova, aiming to reach her third Australian final, stormed back, returning Graf's serve and well and volleying better at the net.

After breaking the West German's serve in the eighth game of the second set, she gained three set points and when Graf netted a top-spin forehand after 51 minutes of fluctuating action, the Czechoslovakian's pre-match hopes looked about to come true.

In the deciding set, Graf saved six break points in the first and third games but finally yielded on the seventh as Sukova took a 2-1 lead.

It was the signal for Graf to draw on all her considerable fighting qualities as she broke back immediately for 2-2. Both players then held serve as the pressure mounted, but at 5-4, Sukova pushed a backhand wide and Graf was safely through to her twelfth consecutive Grand Slam singles final.

Sukova said later that she had not made the most of her opportunities.

## Racism denied

NEW YORK, Jan 26, (Reuters): National Football League commissioner Paul Tagliabue yesterday strongly denied a charge that the League's drug testing programme discriminated against black players by overlooking drug abuses by whites.

Tagliabue, speaking on CBS television, was responding to a question about an allegation that the doctor who ran the NFL drug testing programme was "protecting high visibility white players while targeting some black athletes."

## Tough route planned for Dubai Rally

THE countdown has started for the BP 2000 Dubai Rally, the first round of the 1990 Marlboro Desert Challenge, which takes place on February 1/2. The Al Nasr Motor Club in Dubai have decided to make the event a tough one for the competitors by providing a most challenging route.

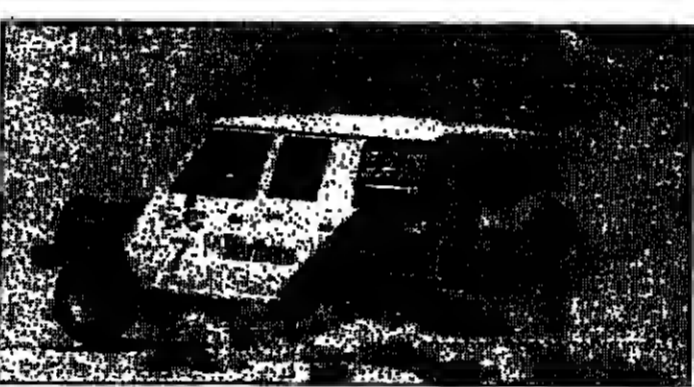
The total distance of the event is 372.22 kilometres with a tough 256.35 kilometres of twelve special stages. Four special stages will be repeated in a loop format of three times. With the exception of one of these, all the special stages are well over 20 kilometres.

On the eve of the rally, a prologue will be run to determine the starting order of the entered vehicles. This format has been introduced to Gulf rallying by the Marlboro Desert Challenge series, and provides an equally exciting spectacle for onlookers as it provides a stern test of nerve for the participating crews.

Camel stage (1, 5, 9) is 24 kilometres long and is basically very rough with sand dunes with a most difficult final 10 kilometres. Um

Meinah stage (2, 6, 10) is 25.54 kilometres, where cars will not be able to go at high speed and again is very sandy and rough. Al Mar-moom stage is (3, 9, 11) the shortest in the event at 5.56 kilometres it is also the quickest stage in the Marlboro-BP event where the more powerful vehicles will be able to progress at top speed, and again the advantage over the less powerful cars. Margum stage (4, 8, 12) is the longest at 31.55 kilometres and is a well known stage to local crews who participate in the annual, Masafi 4WD rally.

On the main day of the Marlboro-BP rally the first special stage will start at 8.00 am, with the cars returning to the finish at Al Nasr Club at 4.50 pm. The stages are all concentrated in the Al Ain road area, with servicing after each loop of stages across from the petrol station adjacent to Um Meinah stage. A day earlier, February 1, the prologue will take place in Rashidiya, on the stage which is traditionally reserved as the first stage for the Dubai International Rally.



One of the drivers practises on the new route.

The good news for the sponsors BP and Marlboro, and the organisers Al Nasr Motor Club, is that over a week before the start of the rally, there are already twenty-five entrants for the event. It looks as if there will be well over thirty starters, which means this Dubai event will see the biggest ever entry for a Marlboro Desert Challenge event.

As well as many local crews, the Gulf is well represented with participation from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar. Favourite for the rally will no doubt be the Marlboro Mitsubishi driver, Abbas Al Mosawi, who starts the second successive defence of his Desert Challenge title. Also fancied is former Middle East champion, Saeed Al Hajri, who is expected to start in a Ford Bronco, which has been especially imported for the series from the United States.

## Lewis feels good about record

RALEIGH, N.C., Jan 26, (Reuters): Olympic champion Carl Lewis feels so good about being made the 100 metres world record holder that he would like to go out and run even faster.

The American star had his 1988 Olympic final's clocking of 9.92 seconds installed as the 100 metres record last weekend when International Amateur Athletic Federation stripped disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson of his 1987 world record of 9.83 seconds because of admitted drug use.

"Over the years I have run very hard honestly," Lewis told Reuters

in a telephone interview yesterday from his Houston office. "I've been very consistent and I've won a lot of races, and to officially own that record is a good feeling."

His goal now, he said, is to run faster. "I do believe I have the capability still," Lewis, 28, said.

Johnson had run even faster — 9.79 seconds — in defeating Lewis in the Seoul Olympics final but he lost that time and the gold medal after testing positive for steroids.

Lewis said he thought he deserved to be the record holder because he had competed within the rules.

"People, of course, are always going to say, 'look at how you got it,

but there's going to be absolutely nothing I can do with that," Lewis said.

Lewis has put together a tight schedule for 1990.

"I plan to compete in only seven to nine meets," said Lewis, adding that two probably would be in the United States and the remainder in Europe in late July and August.

His European agenda could include an attempt at the long jump world record at a high-altitude site in Sestriere, Italy, but Lewis, the two-time Olympic long jump champion, stressed that no decision had been made.

## Stephenson hurt

PHOENIX, Jan 26, (AP): Pro golfer Jan Stephenson returned to Phoenix on Wednesday to consult hand surgeons after suffering two fractures in the ring finger of her left hand when she was tugged and robbed Tuesday night in Miami.

Stephenson, who resides in nearby Paradise Valley, said she likely will undergo surgery sometime this week and may miss at least two months of the LPGA Tour.

As she got out of her car in the Miami arena parking lot before the game, Stephenson said an unnamed youth ripped a \$1,000 Rolex watch off her arm, then tried to rip her purse away and take her wedding ring.



Auriol (left) is congratulated by his wife after winning the rally while Sainz shows his disappointment after finishing second. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Auriol wins Monte Carlo Rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan 26, (Reuters): French driver Didier Auriol handed Lancia their fourth consecutive victory in the Monte Carlo Rally yesterday after taking spine-tingling risks on the final night to edge out Spanish rival Carlos Sainz.

Auriol, leading Toyota driver Sainz by four seconds as the rally entered the first of the Turin night's special timed sections, finally won by 32 seconds over the Spaniard who had forged ahead briefly after the first special.

Second last year to world champion Massimo Biasion of Italy, Auriol won his first Monte Carlo title with a combination of inspired driving and breathtaking risks on the icy roads in the night session in which he won six of the nine specials.

Auriol put in his devastating burst after Sainz snatched the overall lead by five seconds on the Col de Turini.

On the second climb up the Turini, the Frenchman improved his time by an astonishing 27 seconds to establish a lead which Sainz had little chance of clawing back.

"I don't know if I would be able to do that a second time," a breathless Auriol said. "I was at my maximum, my maximum."

Sainz adopted a philosophy of resignation when he saw Auriol's times. "I'm happy to finish second," he said. "It just wasn't possible to keep pace with the Lancias."

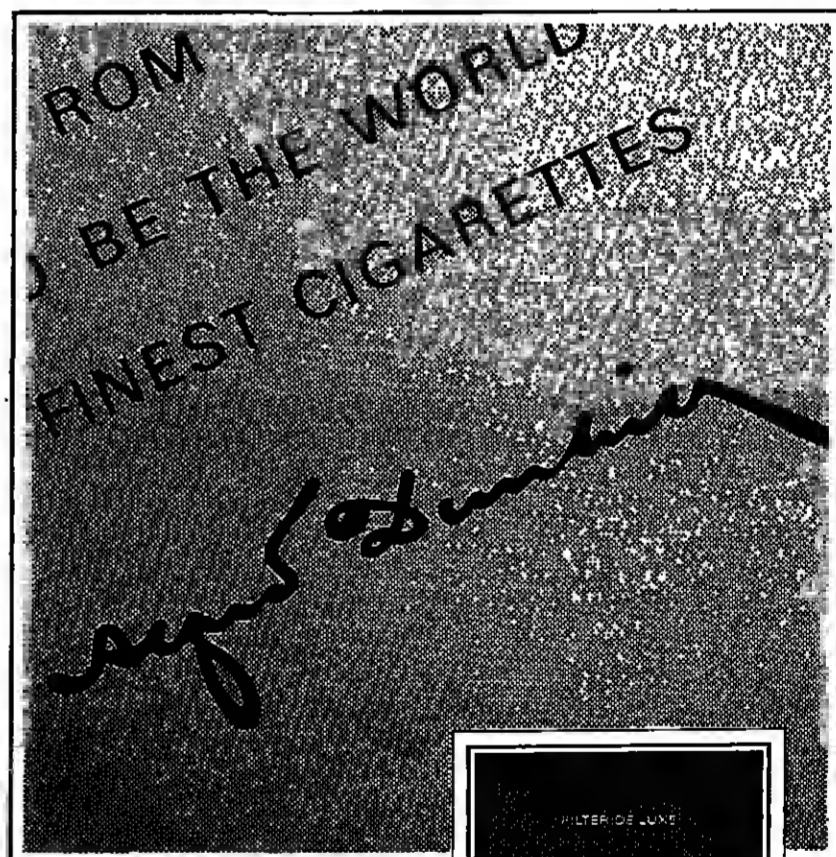
Biasion finished third but was more than three minutes behind the Frenchman and never in serious contention in a rally totally dominated by the tense clash between Auriol and Sainz.

But his Lancia was one of four to place in the first six in another great triumph for the Italian stable.

The winner of the women's trophy, Briton Louise Aitken-Walker driving a Vauxhall, moved into the top 10 overall thanks to a defective gearbox in the privately entered Lancia of Frenchman Bertrand Balas.

Balas pipped Aitken-Walker by 18 seconds at the end of the last special but his car could only limp to Monte Carlo and he incurred a two-minute time penalty to hand the Briton 10th place.

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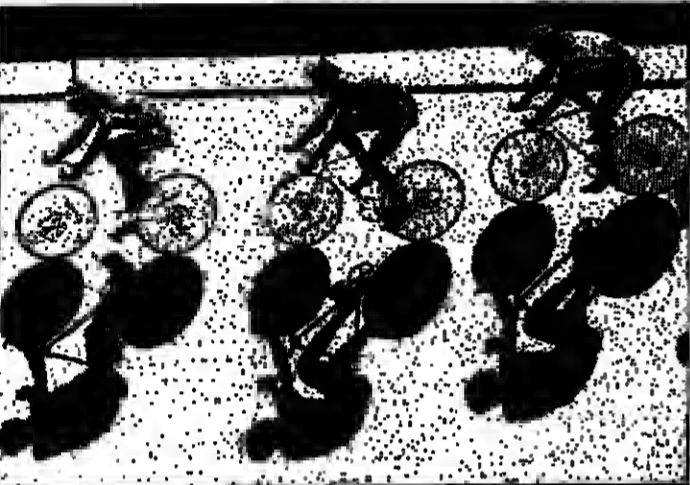
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Whitbread pulls out, Moorhouse equals record

# India, Australia dominate



Moorhouse on his way to equal the world record. (Reuters wirephoto)



Australia's cycling team practice sprints for tomorrow's heats at the Games. (Reuters wirephoto)

AUCKLAND, Jan 26, (Reuters): India shared top billing with Australia for the first time in the Commonwealth Games today when they swept to 11 of the 12 weightlifting gold medals decided so far.

The man they had to thank for their unprecedented success was soldier Paramaji Sharma, who lifted all three golds in the light-weight (67.5 kgs) division on the second day of competition.

Three golds are being awarded in each weight division — for snatch, jerk and total lift — for the first time at the Games.

His performance set India alongside Australia with 11 golds apiece at the top of the medals table.

Earlier today, schoolgirl Hayley Lewis also achieved a treble with her third title in two days to help Australia to a crushing 8-1 swimming lead over arch rivals Canada.

By the end of the day Lewis, 15, was being compared to her illustrious compatriot Shane Gould, one of Australia's greatest swimmers.

Sharma hoisted the same weight, 130.0 kgs, as two other rivals in the snatch but took gold because he lifted first. He followed up by taking the jerk with 165.0 kgs for a total lift of 295.0 kgs.

Team mate Parvash Chander

Sharma ran him close by grabbing two of the three featherweight (60.0 kg) golds and Indian team manager P.S. Bains said: "Our weightlifters have done us proud."

But the Indian party was gashed in featherweight snatch by Marcus Stephen, who gave the tiny Pacific island of Nauru their first Games title by heaving 112.5 kg.

England's world women's javelin champion Fatima Whitbread withdrew from the Games yesterday after failing to make a full recovery from a serious shoulder injury.

"I had every intention that I would be able to compete here in Auckland," Whitbread said. "I have done everything humanly possible to get here."

Whitbread said she had had surgery on her right shoulder last May and had made a good recovery.

But the surgeon had warned her that she faced possible permanent damage if she returned to competition too early and Whitbread said she had finally decided two days ago to withdraw.

"There was a possibility that time would run out for me in my preparations for this championship and I would have to withdraw," Whitbread said.

"This isn't the end for me, I

just have to accept that I can't compete at the level I need."

Swimmer Adrian Moorhouse equalled his world record at the Commonwealth Games yesterday but England's triumph was marred by a hammer blow in the boxing ring.

Moorhouse grabbed the spotlight on the first day of competition when he equalled his world record for 100 metres breaststroke, leading an England sweep of the medals.

But there was drama of a different kind at the boxing arena where Moorhouse's compatriot Michael Cantwell was taken to hospital suffering from amnesia after being knocked cold by Ugandan light-weight Justin Juko.

## Standings

Medals table after the second day of Commonwealth Games competition today (tallied under gold, silver, bronze):

Australia	11	9	10
India	11	6	7
Canada	5	6	4
England	3	4	4
Mauru	1	2	—
New Zealand	1	1	3
Bangladesh	1	—	1
Scotland	—	2	1
Nigeria	—	1	2
Wales	—	1	—
Zimbabwe	—	1	—
Jersey	—	—	1

## Bangladesh gets first-ever gold medal

AUCKLAND, Jan 26, (UPI): Atequr Rahman and Abdus Sattar won the pairs 10-metre air pistol, title today to give Bangladesh its first-ever Commonwealth Games gold medal and rob Australians Phillip Adams and Bengt Sandstrom of a double triumph.

Both pairs finished with 1138 points, but the Bangladesh marksmen won on a final round countback. Adams and Sandstrom, winners of yesterday's free pistol event in which Rahman and Sattar placed third, had to settle for silver.

Zealanders Julian Lawton and Gregory Yelavich were a further point back in third place. England collected its second gold medal of the

shooting competition when Ian Peel and Kevin Gill took the pairs shotgun trench with 181 points. Welshmen Colin Evans and Jim Birtenshaw won the silver on 178, the same points total as third-placed Australians Russell Mark and John Marwell.

"We were looking for gold here," said Peel, who won the same title in 1986 with Peter Boden and then went on to take individual honours.

"We finished yesterday one point up on the Australians, so today we went out just to hit as many targets as possible."

"But we started off badly and let the Australians get ahead. They had a bad finish, though, and we came through."

## Goans slam Keralites in friendly

GOANS thrashed Keralites 5-0 in a friendly match, held to mark the Indian Republic Day, at the Fahaheel Stadium yesterday morning.

The outcome of the match had been certain from the start, with the highly experienced Goans more than a match for the Keralites, who seemed to be affected by the chilly weather.

A crowd of nearly 3,000 saw some excellent moves from the Goan Select XI. They threatened their rivals from the start of the match and did not allow them to settle down.

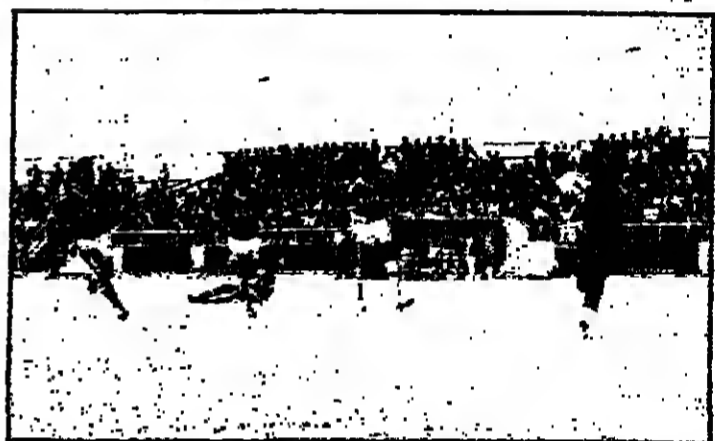
The Goans were, however, held at bay until the 30th minute of the first half when Ignatius broke the deadlock and put his team ahead. Until this moment, Lawrence, the Keralite goalkeeper, had thwarted all the Goan efforts to score.

The Keralites seemed to be spurred into action by this goal with their forwards Varghese, Basheer and Prakashan trying hard to get an equaliser but they ran into a sturdy defence manned by Antao and James Figueira.

Romelo made sure that the Keralites would not be able to come back into the game by scoring a hat-trick. And just to make sure that the Keralites did not even think of victory, Joe Lobo



Above and below: action shots of the match



scored the fifth goal for his side. Earlier on the match was inaugurated by the Fahaheel Sports Club secretary Shaddad Al Mayas while the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Arun Kumar Budhiraja and Mrs Budhiraja gave away the trophies.

## Brazil crush Netherlands

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 26, (AP): Striker Eder netted two second-half goals as Brazil routed the Netherlands 5-0 Wednesday to win the Masters Cup tournament of former soccer greats held in South America's largest city.

In the earlier consolation match, Argentina defeated Italy 3-2 with a game-winning tally by striker Ali in the 87th minute to take third place in the five-nation tournament at Pacaembu Stadium in Sao Paulo.

Brazil grabbed the lead in the 2nd minute when striker Zico, a former great of Rio's famed Flamengo squad, took a pass in the penalty box and slid a shot to the left of goalie Doesburg to make it 1-0.

Brazil dominated the rest of the half, hitting the crossbar on one series and just missing on several shots from in close. The home team failed to score more mostly because of strong goal-tending by Doesburg.

The offensive onslaught picked up in the second half. After striker Serginho scored in the 51st minute, Brazil led the contest when Eder scored twice in the 12th and 18th minutes on counterattacks to break the game open.

## Thatcher backs down

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has scrapped controversial plans to force soccer fans to carry identity cards to an attempt to crack down on stadium violence, newspaper reports said yesterday.

Front-page stories in most newspapers said Thatcher had been forced into an embarrassing political retreat by an independent report on Britain's worst sporting tragedy — the Hillsborough stadium disaster last April in which 95 people died.

Political sources confirmed that the long-awaited Hillsborough report, due to be published on Monday, would criticise the identity card scheme.

"This is a humiliating climbdown for Thatcher whose cherished scheme this was. But it is very welcome news for football," said opposition Labour Party spokesman Dennis Howell.



Naeem retires, E. Germany win

Naeem Saad, (right) Kuwait national soccer team player, officially retired from football yesterday after playing his last match against the visiting East German team. The visitors won the match 2-1 after first half ended 1-0. Above, Naeem receives a bouquet from Shaikh Fahd Al Ahmadi.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Men's hockey

BENALMADENA, Spain, Jan 26, (Reuters): Results on the first day of a four-nation men's hockey tournament today: England beat Netherlands 2-1 (halftime 0-0), Spain beat France 4-1 (2-0).

### Maradona threatens

ROME, Jan 26, (Reuters): Napoli captain Diego Maradona has again threatened to leave the Italian League leaders following the latest in a series of reprisals from club officials after he missed training this week.

### Strong letter

BRUSSELS, Jan 26, (UPI): European soccer's ruling body UEFA has received a reportedly stiffly worded letter from the European commission executive encouraging it to free-up its regulation on the transfer of soccer players within the community.

### Olympic chief

AUCKLAND, Jan 26, (Reuters): There are signs that the new leadership in South Africa could accelerate the dismantling of apartheid, Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday.

### Brazilian striker

HAMBURG, West Germany, Jan 26, (Reuters): West German First Division soccer side Hamburg signed Brazilian striker Nando from Rio de Janeiro's Flamengo on Wednesday, club officials said.

### One-season ban

GENEVA, Jan 26, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) today upheld a one-season ban on Greek champion Aek Athens because of misbehaviour by their spectators in a European Cup match last November.

### British athletes

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): Eighty per cent of British international athletes have used drugs over the last 15 years, a television programme reported on Wednesday night.

### Brazilian defender

LISBON, Jan 26, (Reuters): Brazilian defender Branco's hopes of playing in the World Cup finals are being threatened by a dispute between his Portuguese club Porto and the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

### E. German trainers

EAST BERLIN, Jan 26, (Reuters): East Germany's trainers and sports stars fear dramatic political and economic changes could soon whittle their achievements down to mediocrity, making it virtually impossible to regain their world-beating status.

### Everest climb

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan 26, (AP): Australian climber Tim McCartney-Saunders said yesterday he will try to summit Mt Everest from sea level to summit in a climb starting 800 kilometres (500 miles) away in Calcutta, India.

## Coventry, Forest reach semifinals

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): Coventry's reserve striker Steve Livingstone struck four goals as Coventry cruised to a 5-0 win over Second Division Sunderland in their English League Cup quarterfinal replay on Wednesday.

In the semifinals Coventry meet Midlands rivals Nottingham Forest, 3-2 winners at Tottenham with a brace of goals by England international midfielder Steve Hodge.

Southampton, fifth in the First Division, were held 2-2 at home by Oldham, the Second Division side scrapping a draw when Saints defender Francis Benali put the ball in his own net a minute from time.

In-form winger Matthew Le Tissier put Southampton ahead twice, opening the scoring after

six minutes and restoring his side's lead after a penalty six minutes from time.

Agdy Ritchie had struck the first equaliser in the 81st minute for Oldham, conquerors of First Division champions Arsenal in an earlier round.

In the other semifinal the eventual winners face First Division Derby County or Second Division West Ham, who drew their replay 0-0 after extra time.

England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, ruled out with a back injury, missed his first game since joining Derby from Southampton in 1987 to end a run of 124 consecutive appearances.

At Coventry, Livingstone, playing in the absence of injured star Kevin Drinkell, headed his first goal in senior football after 14 minutes, scored again in the



Steve Hodge

18th and completed his hat-trick in the 50th minute from a flicked pass by Cyrille Regis. Livingstone ended his dream

## S. African blacks rampage

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Jan 26, (Reuters): Hundreds of black youths rampaged through the centre of Kimberley today after police thwarted their attempts to demonstrate against a rebel English cricket tour of South Africa.

Glass littered the normally quiet streets of this old diamond-mining town as the youths, some armed with sticks or branches torn from trees, smashed shop and car windows.

Earlier, several thousand blacks tried to march on the De Beers Country Club, where the England cricketers opened their much pilloried seven-week tour.

A line of police with shotguns and tear gas blocked the demonstrators about two km (1.5 miles) from the pitch.

The demonstrators stood face-to-face with the police for three hours while their leader, lawyer Kriah Naidoo, negotiated with senior officers and South African cricket chief Ali Bacher in a bid to march on the cricket ground.

Naidoo cited Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok as saying that protests against the cricket tour would be permitted so long as they were peaceful.

Bacher said he would support a non-violent protest, but a police general, apparently after hurried consultations by telephone with Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, finally declared that the gathering was illegal.

Naidoo told reporters: "Ali Bacher made promises about our right to protest, but the police have other views."

## Jerusalem Marathon to be held on Feb 16

THE Seventh Jerusalem Marathon, for the Abu Ammar Cup, will be held in Kuwait under the patronage of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, the Kuwait Football Association and Olympic Council of Asia, on Friday, Feb 16.

The marathon is open to all nationalities. It will start at the Qadisiya Club at 3.00 pm and will finish at the same place. Mohamed Musa, the winner of the event a number of times, is again the favourite to clinch the event.

The event will be for three categories — men, girls and youth — with the distance and rules different for each.

The men's race will cover a distance of 21.91 kilometres. The only requirement for the participating is that they should be medically fit.

All those who want to take part in this event must send their entries

to Palestinian Amateur Athletic Federation, Hawalli, by 5.00 pm on Feb 10. The numbers and final instructions will be given on the same day.

The organisers have announced that international rules will be applied for the event and that the winner of the men's event will receive the Abu Ammar Cup. The first 15 finishers will get medals while prizes will be awarded to the top 50. The oldest and youngest runner in this category will also receive a prize.

In the category for girls, the race will be over five kilometres. A meeting for the girls, who will take part, will be held at the Palestinian Women's Federation, Jabriya, on Feb 11 at 4.00 pm.

All the girls who want to take part in the race must send their entries to the Palestinian Federation by Feb 11.

In the third category, youths will race over a distance of 10 kilometres. Those born between 1971-75 will be allowed to take part in this category. Every participant must bring his birth certificate or civil identity card. Entries must be sent to the Palestine embassy by Feb 1.

The winner in this category will receive the Palestine President's Cup while the top 20 will get medals.

All participants will have to report at the Qadisiya Stadium by 1.30 pm on the day of the race, Feb 16.

All the athletes will have to gather near grandstand after the race and no one will be allowed to stay in the playing ground once the race starts.

For further details contact the Palestine Amateur Athletic Federation in Hawalli.



Musa (right) holding the cup he won in an earlier race.